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Hard left challenge for Labour leadership off to a bruising start

Kinnock jibe at 'uncaring' challengers

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour leadership contest got off to a bruising start last night with Mr Neil Kinnock suggesting that Mr Tony Benn and his running-mate, Mr Eric Heffer, did not care about winning the next general election.

The Labour leader dismissed their challenge as daft and absurd, adding to the criticisms levelled throughout the day by members of the Shadow Cabinet, union leaders and MPs.

There was evidence of division within the far left over the decision taken by the Campaign Group on Wednesday night.

Miss Clare Short, a front-bench spokesman on employment, who voted against the decision to challenge Mr Kinnock, said it was a "waste of everyone's time".

The elections will cost the Labour Party thousands of pounds in money lost from trade union political funds. The Amalgamated Engineering Union said yesterday that the £100,000 cost of consulting its 800,000 members in a postal ballot would be deducted from money it would have donated to the party.

Mr Bill Jordan, the union's president, said: "The left have had to resort to grave-robbing to find two candidates to take on Neil and Roy Hattersley".

His general secretary, Mr Gavin Laird, said: "This is a disgraceful election to please the vanity of yesterday's men".

As a dispute developed over the size of the majority for

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launching a challenge, Mr Kinnock asserted last night that only a minority of the Campaign group had backed the decision.

But claims that only 15 MPs had backed the move were described as "straightforward lies" by senior members of the group.

Mr Kinnock said at Westminster last night that the contest should not preoccupy anyone; there was too much else to do that was much more important.

But he made plain that he would use the election to reassert his own authority over the party, and win backing for the programme of policy reviews and "Labour listens" events which have been undertaken since the election defeat.

It was because they feared that the election would eventually leave Mr Kinnock in a much stronger position that many left-wingers were nervous about issuing the challenge.

Among the seven MPs who voted in the Campaign Group against the decision were the front-benchers Miss Short and Mrs Margaret Jackson, but far more surprisingly Mrs Audrey Wise, who had been mentioned as a possible candidate for deputy, and Mr Chris Mullin, one of Mr Benn's closest allies who helped to run his 1981 deputy leadership campaign.

Mrs Wise was said by colleagues to have "spoken from the heart" as she told the group that the challenge was being made at the wrong time, and that there was no possibility of victory.

Mr Kinnock said last night of the contest: "It is daft and absurd. I do not mind it being daft but I am very hostile to it being damaging.

"There can be nobody who wants the Labour Party to win who thinks that the decision to provoke a contest can do the public standing of the Labour Party much good.

"When that decision has been taken by two experienced politicians they must know that – and they simply do not care very much about winning the election that matters most, the general election."

Mr Kinnock said that no aspect of the challenge made him glad but suggested that the result could be a "refreshing" mandate.

Other members of the left criticized the decision. Mr Martin Flannery, MP for Sheffield Hillsborough, called on Mr Benn and Mr Heffer to reconsider their decision. "It can only mean in the long run a defeat for the Labour Party".

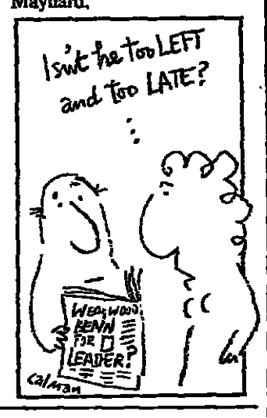
Their public disagreement with the challenge decision followed weeks of private argument

Claims by Labour MPs sympathetic to Mr Kinnock that the vote in favour of the challenge had been 15 to 7 among the MPs were described as lies by members of the Campaign Group.

The group contains several members who are not MPs, including Mr Alan Quinn, a transport union executive member and Militant supporter, Mr Les Huckfield, a Euro MP, Mr Vladimir Derer, one of the organizers of Mr Benn's 1981 deputy leadership campaign, and Miss Joan Maynard.



Mr Kinnock leaving his home in Ealing, west London, yesterday and his challenger, Mr Tony Benn, standing outside his home in Holland Park, central London (Photographs: Mark Pepper and John Rogers).



Telecom to pay for late repairs

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Telecom customers who have not had their telephone repaired within two days of reporting a fault will be able to claim £5 a day compensation for every day they are without it.

Customers will also be able to claim £5 a day compensation for every day late a new connection is made beyond the date agreed; and business users will be able to claim up to £5,000 for failure to provide Telecom services by an agreed date.

The new arrangements, which will come into force on April 1 next year, were announced yesterday by Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), the Government watchdog for the telecommunications industry.

Professor Carsberg announced the scheme while speaking at a conference on the future privatization of the electricity industry. He said that British Telecom was resolving quickly the problems it had faced. He hoped

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that within two or three years Britain would have a telephone service it could be proud of.

He said that complaints to his office, mainly about bills being charged at the wrong rate, had soared last year to 20,000 with the peak of 4,000 coming in September when Telecom came under severe criticism from consumer organizations.

He said that Telecom had accepted contractual liability in line with proposals he had made last August. He had accepted that BT needed some time to put the new proposals into practice and that they should start on April 1 next year.

He said: "The arrangement represents a new charter for securing customers' rights. So far as I am aware, they give customers stronger guarantees than are available in any other country of the world.

"I shall be keeping the working of the arrangements under review."

The compensation payments will not be paid if delays in repairs or connections are due to strikes or storms or if engineers cannot get access to a customer's property, but Oftel has said that it will be up to Telecom to prove that events beyond its control caused delay. He also said that Telecom will be allowed to credit a maximum of £25 of any compensation payment to a customer's account and that any other compensation due must be paid in cash.

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Sinn Fein support increases

By John Cooney and Paul Vallely

Public opinion in republican areas of West Belfast has swung sharply towards the political wing of the IRA and against the Anglo-Irish Agreement, according to a poll for Ulster Television broadcast last night.

The news came on the eve of today's emergency talks on security between British and Irish ministers.

The poll, taken before the Gibraltar shootings and the subsequent wave of violence in Ulster, shows that only one in six Catholics now supports the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

One in five Sinn Fein supporters defected after Enniskillen, but a series of events, including the Stalker-Sampson affair, won back two-thirds of the support it had lost. But 50 per cent of Catholics remained unsympathetic to Sinn Fein.

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Jaguar car chief hits at output of workers

By Craig Seton and Dan Ward

Sir John Egan, the chairman of Jaguar, said yesterday he did not believe his workers' claims that they could not make more cars.

As the company's 4,000 assembly workers balloted on strike action after management had called for greater productivity, Sir John said: "I walk around our assembly halls every day more or less at 3.15 and I hardly see anyone working at all".

Speaking on local radio in Coventry, he said he "simply did not believe" claims by union leaders that assembly workers were already overstretched.

Workers at the Browns Lane plant in Coventry are protesting about the company's plan to increase production from 48,000 cars a year to 56,000 from April 6.

The calls for increased productivity followed a 20 per cent slump in Jaguar's profits to £97 million because of the weak dollar.

Shop stewards at Jaguar believe that today's ballot result will reveal an overwhelming majority in favour of strike action. They claim that the company did not consult them on its proposals, which they said would lead to overtime cuts. They had met production targets.

But the company said it was manned to produce at least 56,000 cars from the Browns Lane plant. Five thousand workers at Jaguar's two other plants have already accepted the latest production targets.

The company wants to increase production from four cars per man per year, to six

● Demand for Jaguars in Britain is booming, with sales in 1987 at a record 11,102. But delivery can still take up to 10 months, compared with three months for a BMW.

Dover ferry dispute

Easter sailings stopped

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Holidaymakers intending to travel by ferry from Dover face chaos at Easter after P&O European Ferries announced yesterday that it had cancelled all services to Calais, Boulogne and Zeebrugge.

P&O European Ferries, the biggest cross-Channel carrier of freight and passengers, made the announcement as talks continued at the conciliation service, Acas, in an effort to end a seven-week strike by crews over manning levels and the loss of 400 jobs on the company's Dover ferries.

The company said: "If there was total agreement, it would take the National Union of Seamen some time to go through their process of approving the deal and it would take us an equal amount of time to get the ships ready".

At present, all 11 P&O ferries on the three routes are tied up at Dutch ports. A spokesman said: "We had to take the decision at some stage to be fair to our customers and warn them to make other arrangements."

Mr Peter Ford, chairman of P&O European Ferries, said: "We apologize to our customers and regret any inconvenience this situation has caused. We all realize that industrial action as we approach the Easter period will cause the public great inconvenience and will disrupt family holidays.

"We hope that our services will be returned to normal as soon as possible and that we can still reach an agreement with the NUS in the current round of Acas talks".

However, the company said there was a slim chance that some Dover services would run if there was agreement in the next few days.

The decision means there will be only a handful of sailings each day from Dover to Ostend by Sealink. The French SNCF service to Dover is also strike-bound because of a manning dispute.

P&O operates 15 return sailings a day to Calais, six to Boulogne and six to Zeebrugge in peak periods. The company said: "We would have been carrying thousands of families on holidays in both directions. People will have to find other routes, or stay at home."

P&O will ask the High Court today to ban the NUS from holding a national ballot on strike action which could stop all Easter sailings at other ports.

Technicians may sue over TV-am

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The television technicians' union, ACTT, is considering taking the Independent Broadcasting Authority to court over the four-month TV-am dispute, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Alan Sapper, the union's general secretary, said he believed the authority had not carried out its regulatory role by ensuring the breakfast-time television station fulfilled its news and current affairs obligations.

A "professional committee" of ACTT staff has been monitoring TV-am output since the dispute started last November.

The authority has maintained that it is satisfied with TV-am's management-run service since the industrial dispute began, although it has often had to rely heavily at times on *Batman* films. The 232 striking ACTT members employed by the company were dismissed last month.

Mr Sapper said: "I have written to the IBA today reiterating a request that they seriously consider the status of TV-am's licence. We are tak-

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ing immediate legal advice to see whether there are practical grounds for a judicial review to be lodged.

"We are going through the first stages now against the IBA for not regulating according to the Broadcasting Acts."

Mr Sapper disclosed the legal moves at a press conference called by the union to discuss "current problems in the television industry."

Bill will tackle union ballot fraud

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Employment Bill is to be tightened next week in an attempt to tackle alleged ballot-rigging by unions.

The Government has tabled last-minute amendments in the House of Lords to enable an official scrutineer to supervize how voting papers are drawn up and sent out to union members.

The aim is to close off possible avenues of fraud such as where more ballot papers than necessary are printed and used to swing the vote.

The Government recognizes that a crackdown on ballot rigging will become even more crucial under its latest round of industrial relations legislation.

This is because union members will be required to vote before industrial action can be taken and union officials will have to expose themselves to regular elections.

The extra powers to ensure independent scrutiny of the production and distribution of voting papers had been demanded by Lord Wyatt of Weeford as part of his campaign to tighten the rules governing union ballots.

Ministers also came under pressure from Lord Chapple, former general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, who infuriated fellow unionists in the upper House by supporting Lord Wyatt.

Lord Chapple said: "The way in which we conducted ballots after ending the ballot rigging that took place in our union was to provide for the Electoral Reform Society to send out ballot papers and to receive them".



Libel damages for Maxwell as book is pulped

By Howard Foster

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers, received "very substantial" damages in the High Court yesterday for a "devastating catalogue of libels" contained in the book, *Maxwell: A Portrait of Power*.

The unauthorized biography, by Peter Thompson and Anthony Delano, is to be pulped, a rare event in the publishing world.

Mr Maxwell, who appeared in court for the five-minute hearing with a sizeable retinue of assistants, announced that the damages would be paid to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

Mr Richard Rampton, QC, for Mr Maxwell, said that the book contained more than 30 serious libels on Mr Maxwell.

"Amongst the most serious were allegations that Mr Maxwell was, or might be, a member of the KGB; that his entire business life had been characterized by dishonesty and deception; that he had made a number of false claims about his war record for reasons of personal aggrandisement; and, perhaps most offensive of all, that he had used his wife as a decoy for terrorist attacks aimed at himself", Mr Rampton said.

The book was wholly destructive of his character and reputation and the imputations against his integrity as a businessman would have led readers to suppose that his companies conducted their business in a dishonest or disreputable manner.

Transworld Publishers Ltd, printers Mackays of Chatham Ltd, and the two authors now acknowledged that the allegations were false. The booksellers Blackwell's, Hatchard's and Waterstone's joined the defendants in apologizing to Mr Maxwell.

Miss Heather Rogers, defending counsel, agreed that the publishers and authors had made a "grave error" in publishing the allegations.

The defendants offered Mr Maxwell and his family their sincere apologies for the undoubted and deep distress caused and gave an undertaking to use their best endeavours to recover any unsold copies of the original printing and that they would pulp all such copies, along with other copies in their possession.

Outside the High Court afterwards, Mr Maxwell was in ebullient mood. He stood blocking the main entrance to the building and faced questions first from several Australian journalists and film crews demanding to know if he was going to buy *The Age* newspaper from Fairfax. He indicated that was still his intention.

He then dealt with the matter of the Thompson/Delano book and the other blot on his biographical landscape, Tom Bower's best-selling book, *Maxwell the Outsider*.

"There has been an unprecedented campaign of vilification of me over the past few weeks, based on two hostile and disreputable "biographies"," Mr Maxwell said.

"Recycling old and false stories about me has become a profitable industry for the unscrupulous. But, after today, those who want to pursue that course will know that they may find themselves contributing generously to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children and other similar causes."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Living standards rising quickly

High pay increases, falling unemployment and low inflation combined to produce a substantial improvement in living standards last year. Average living standards rose by more than 3 per cent which, apart from 1986 – when they rose by nearly 4 per cent – was the biggest increase since the Government took office.

Wages and salaries made much the biggest contribution with an average rise before taking inflation into account of 8.5 per cent. Other income, including dividends from privatization issues, also rose by 7 per cent.

Saving, however, remained at a low level by past standards. Most of the rise in personal incomes was spent by consumers leaving only 5.5 per cent to be added to savings. This was two percentage points lower than in the previous year and the lowest rate since 1959.

That will worry ministers who are relying on some recovery in the nation's willingness to save to slow consumer spending, without which there is a danger of the economy overheating leading to inflation.

Consulate report

City of London Police yesterday sent a report to the Crown Prosecution Service after interviewing a number of diplomats about the storming of the the Panamanian Consulate in London. The diplomats, including the Ambassador, Señor Guillermo Vega, waived their immunity at the request of Mr Timothy Eggar, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, who hinted that there might be expulsions if they refused.

Island's new faces

Only nine newcomers will take seats in the States of Deliberation, the Guernsey Parliament, as a result of the island's general election on Wednesday to elect 32 people's deputies. Any radical swing in policy is unlikely.

All the newcomers replaced deputies who had retired. More than 70 per cent of the 25,000 electorate cast their votes. A rapid house-building programme to cope with the influx of workers servicing Guernsey's growing financial industry and the demands of young local couples, barred from the housing market by high prices, is likely to be announced by the new administration.

Councils favoured

The public favours keeping the county councils by a majority of more than two to one, according to a recent MORI poll based on a survey of 974 people in England and Wales. A total of 59 per cent opposed abolition, 24 per cent supported it and 17 per cent were undecided. The figures will be studied by Conservative Central Office, which has been considering proposing the councils' abolition.

Threat to estuaries

Hundreds of thousands of wild birds are threatened by proposals to build tidal barrages on Britain's estuaries, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday in evidence to a House of Lords select committee inquiring into alternative energy sources. It said the impact of tidal power on the environment was often ignored. Two of the most important estuaries for birds, the Severn and the Mersey, were being investigated already, it pointed out.

MoD 'less than frank' over development problems

Delays in Trident programme admitted

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A former senior defence adviser to two American presidents called on Conservative backbenchers yesterday to try to persuade the Prime Minister to cancel Britain's support for the United States' "Star Wars" strategic defence research programme. Dr Robert Bowman, who yesterday briefed Conservative MPs on the Star Wars project, said that President Reagan's vision of a "peace shield" protecting the West from Soviet ballistic missile attack was a smokescreen for the development of offensive weapons. Dr Bowman was in charge of secret strategic defence research under both President Carter and President Ford. He is now president of the US Institute for Space Studies.

Delays and "slippages" in certain areas of the Trident nuclear deterrent have been admitted by the Ministry of Defence, but it is adamant that the missile system will be ready by the mid-1990s.

Details of the delays emerged yesterday when the Commons defence committee published the MoD's replies to a series of questions posed in the wake of press reports on a number of aspects of Britain's nuclear defence systems.

In those, the ministry accepts that there have been delays and cost increases in the provision of warhead production facilities at Aldermaston, and culmulative delays in the production and development of the sonar suite for the first Trident submarine, HMS Vanguard.

It also says there are "signs of slippage" in the sonar suite and command system for the Shore Development Facility for the tactical weapon system at Faslane, the nuclear submarine base on the west coast of Scotland, and a shortage of trained scientists working on software for targetting, modelling and effectiveness assessment. Recruitment efforts have been increased.

Some MPs feel that the ministry has been less than frank with the committee over the progress of the Trident programme and are expected to give senior defence officials a tough time when they appear before it to answer questions next Wednesday.

They will want to know why in January 1986, when a review was being quietly conducted into delays in the construction of warhead facilities at Aldermaston, the ministry told the committee that the Aldermaston programme was making "satisfactory progress".

They will also want to know why it told the committee in 1987 that development of the sonar suite for HMS Vanguard was "progressing satisfactorily" and made no mention of the delays now admitted.

Elsewhere in its replies, the ministry discloses that production of fissile and non-fissile components for the Trident warheads has begun at Aldermaston and the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Cardiff, and that delivery from the United States of "re-entry body components" has also begun.

It discloses that Britain will possess only a minimum amount of spares for its Trident missiles which are to be taken from a pool kept at King's Bay, Georgia, in the US. Britain will pay around £54 million towards the capital costs of King's Bay and £9 million a year towards its running costs.

The ministry is still not prepared to declassify the exact in-service date. It will only say the "mid-1990s", nor will it answer in public the committee's demand for full details of the malfunction aboard the nuclear submarine HMS Resolution at Faslane in January. All it has said is that there was an "electrical malfunction".

Words of praise and sorrow for slain soldier

By Alan Hamilton

One spray stood out among the vast carpet of wreaths surrounding the grave of Corporal Derek Wood in a south London cemetery yesterday. Its card bore no name, and its handwritten note said simply: "To Derek and David, who died heroes while amongst cowards".

Corporal Wood, who with his colleague David Howes died at the hand of a Belfast mob on Saturday, was buried near his home with a simple and peaceful dignity. The only shots were the three volleys of a soldier's farewell, and the loudest expression of anger the blustering March gale that snatched at the caps of his honour guard.

Several hundred neighbours and bystanders lined the street outside the plain, modern brick built church of St Peter, set amid a large and faceless housing estate on the borders of Morden and Carshalton.

Six fellow corporals from the Royal Corps of Signals, with which he served, shouldered Corporal Wood's coffin, draped in the union flag and surmounted by his uniform cap and belt.

His father, stepmother, sisters, grandmother and other members of his family, several weeping unashamedly, followed it into the bright church packed with relatives and friends, to join in the comfortingly familiar strains of the twenty-third psalm, and to hear the lesson from One Corinthians: "The last enemy to be destroyed is death".



Six pallbearers from Corporal Wood's unit lowering his coffin yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

In the front row sat Major-General John Badcock, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Signals, Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Roberts, commanding the Corps in Northern Ireland, the Mayor of Sutton, and, in distinctive olive green, Inspector Robert Verner of the Royal Ulster Constabulary representing its chief constable, Sir John Hermon.

They heard the Rev Rhys Prosser say: "He gave himself to his work with great discipline, and showed an amazing sense of courage and restraint, even in his moment of death".

A discreet police presence was evident at the church and at Morden cemetery two miles away to which the flower-laden cortege was led by a hearse emblazened with a huge rectangular wreath bearing the name "Del" in bright yellow chrysanthemums. It was accompanied by an honour guard from the Royal British Legion.

As the pallbearers lowered the coffin, and a bugler sounded Last Post and Reveille, members of Corporal Wood's family cast red roses into the grave in a last gesture of farewell. They hugged each other and wept as the Royal Signals Honour Guard fired three volleys.

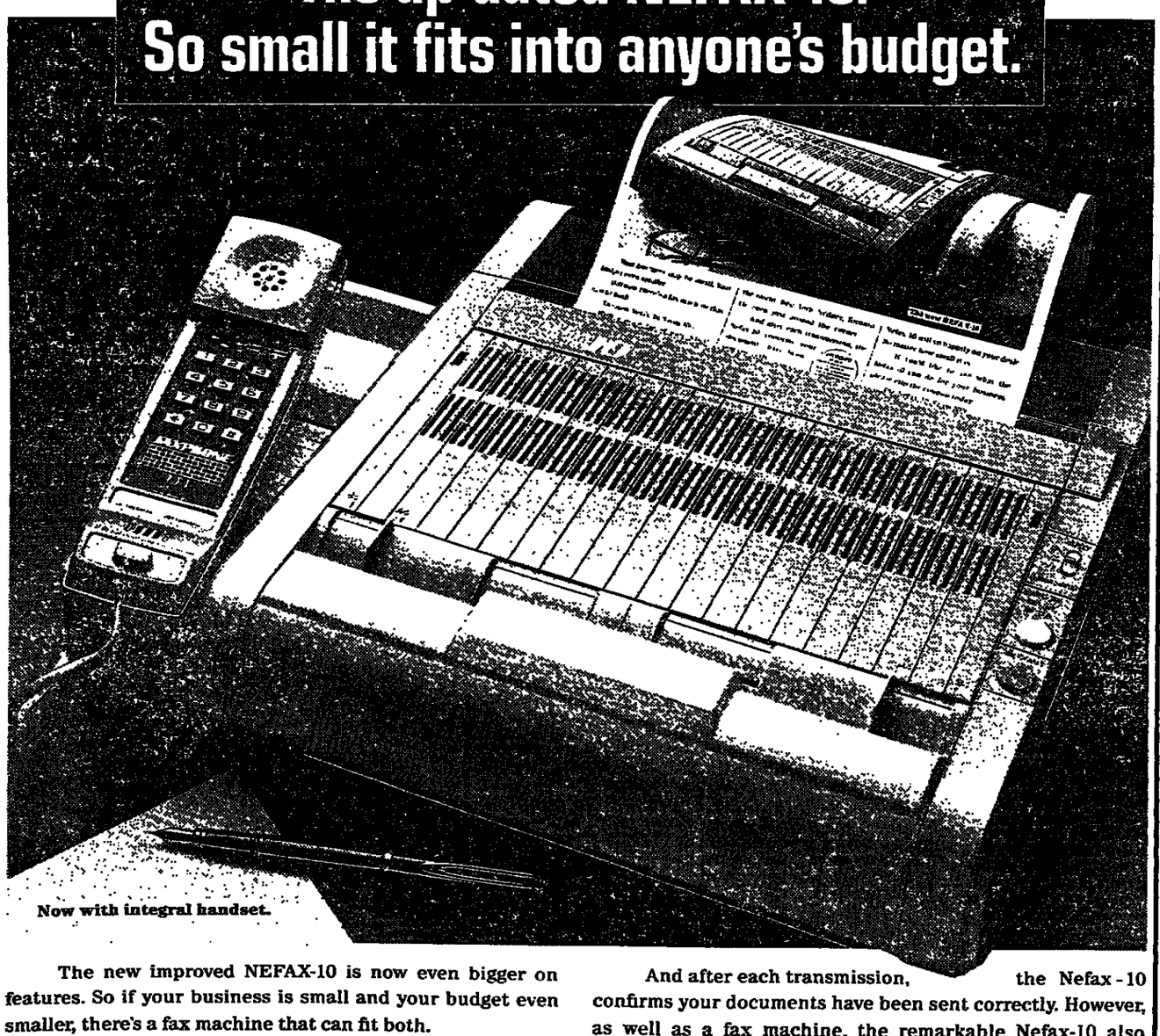
Colonel Roberts described Corporal Wood as "a big strong rugby player who enjoyed life and was very popular both with his colleagues and with the local population, whom he met playing for a local rugby club".

● Police yesterday raided the Belfast office of the Irish national television station, RTE, and took away film of the mob attack on the two soldiers. The move came after similar seizures of film under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and the the Emergency Provisions (Northern Ireland) Act from the BBC and ITN offices in the city. The film, like that of the BBC and ITN, showed the build-up to the incident but not the murder itself.

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EEC regional aid

UK to fight for more grants

The EEC is facing a major row between Britain and other Community members over the distribution of billions of pounds in regional aid approved in the recent financial and farm reform package.

The European Commission yesterday announced its priorities for newly boosted regional grants to depressed regions in the EEC between now and 1992. It disclosed that in the United Kingdom only Northern Ireland would be a "category one" region, qualifying for automatic EEC funding.

Areas of greatest need are defined as those where per capita income falls below 75 per cent of the average gross national product in the EEC as a whole.

Other British regions, such as Yorkshire and Humberside, the West Midlands and the North west are likely to be given "category two" aid, providing they meet the criteria.

To qualify for that second category regions must have exceeded the average unemployment rate in the EEC by 15 per cent over the previous three years.

The proposals are certain to cause a dispute in the Council of Ministers, which has to approve the new regional funds.

The Brussels EEC summit in February agreed to double the regional and social funds to £9 billion by 1992.

The Commission plans to devote nearly £6 billion of that to category one areas. British officials had hoped that the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, parts of Wales and Devon and Cornwall would qualify for that group, in addition to Northern Ireland.

Officials said yesterday that Britain would still press for those areas to be included. Italy will also fight for poorer regions such as Umbria – left off yesterday's list – to qualify.

Falling into category one are Northern Ireland, all of Portugal, Greece, the Irish Republic, Corsica, French overseas territories and some regions of Spain such as Andalucia and Galicia.

Diplomats said relatively prosperous Spanish regions such as Valencia had been included and that would cause inevitable conflict with Britain and Italy.

'Urban village' for Birmingham

By Craig Seton

Plans to create a new "urban village" and thousands of jobs in a blighted and derelict area of Birmingham were announced yesterday.

The scheme is the brainchild of Birmingham Heartlands, a private company established by five big construction companies and Birmingham City Council in a new partnership to regenerate 2,000 acres in east Birmingham.

The 10-year development strategy for the Aston and Nechells area of the city envisages the creation of an industrial boom area in the city backed by private investment and government grants and producing up to 12,000 new jobs.

The outline proposals suggest the creation of a new residential community in the south of the city, with new homes for rent and sale.

At yesterday's launch of the strategy in Birmingham, members of the Heartlands Residents' Action Group staged a protest demonstration about the plans for new housing.

They maintained the "yuppification" of the area would force out local people who would not be able to afford to buy or rent the new dwellings. The strategy, which will be discussed at four public meetings, also outlines plans for a large canal-side development.

Union caution on Ford plant talks

By Roland Rudd

Leaders of the engineering union, which has attempted to sign a single-union agreement with Ford of America, were cautiously optimistic last night that the company could still be persuaded to reverse its decision to cancel its proposed plant in Dundee.

Mr Bill Jordan and Mr Gavin Laird, president and general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, flew to Detroit yesterday for an urgent meeting with Mr Frank Macher, general manager of Ford's electrical electronic division.

Mr John Emmert, Ford's public affairs spokesman, did not rule out a reprieve. "We will be listening very carefully to what the trade unions have to offer", he said.

Mr Macher, who negotiated an agreement last September with Mr Laird and Mr Jimmie Airlie, the union's executive officer for Scotland, will be instrumental in deciding whether the company should reverse its decision to cancel the £40 million electronics plant.

The engineering leaders were accompanied by Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, Mr John Monks, deputy general secretary, and Mr Mike Smith, the TUC's head of communication.

Mr Willis said he was taking the message of unions that the single-union agreement with Ford still stood and the company should go ahead "with its original plans to build the plant in Dundee".

Mr Laird said he did not wish to raise false hopes. However, he was clearly delighted that transport union officials at Ford's Dagenham car plant, east London, had voted to reverse a decision to black the components factory.

Mr Laird and Mr Jordan were reported to be privately angry that Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was still holding out against the agreement.

However, they believe the decisive vote of the TUC's General Council and the decision of transport union shop stewards to support the single-union agreement will force Mr Todd into acceptance.

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Loss-making channel may face take-over

Super Channel, set up a year ago to broadcast a 24-hour "best of British" service to millions of homes in Europe, could soon be taken over, it was confirmed last night.

Mr Richard Hooper, managing director, said the loss-making company has been in talks with Sky Channel, owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch, and Television Broadcasting Company, a consortium made up of Carlton Communications, LWT, Thames, Dixons and the Saatchi holding company.

Sky Channel and Super Channel could merge with one entertainment channel and one European sports channel, Mr Hooper said.

Super Channel, launched in January 1987 by the Prime Minister, is owned by all the ITV companies – excluding Thames and TV-am – and Virgin.

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Farm brothers vow lifetime enmity as judge overturns will

Two farmer brothers, locked in battle over their mother's will, vowed yesterday never to speak to each other again after a judge took the family farm away from one and gave it to the other.

The High Court overturned Mrs Kathleen Gardiner's will and ordered Mr Randolph Gardiner, aged 45, who referred to himself in court as his mother's "blue-eyed boy", to hand over Homestead Farm in Pond Hill, Guildford, Surrey, to his brother Barry, aged 42.

Deputy judge Evans-Lombe, QC, found that, after leaving the £80,000 farm to Mr Randolph Gardiner in her 1980 will, Mrs Gardiner changed her mind and promised it to his brother. She died in February 1984 before drawing up a new will.

The judge ordered Mr Randolph Gardiner to pay half the estimated £10,000 costs of the case.

Mr Barry Gardiner, who has been living with his wife Lynne and their four children in a caravan on the nine-acre farm, said outside court: "This decision is a great relief. I just can't bring myself to speak to Randolph and I ignore him whenever I see him."

The brothers have managed to avoid each other, even though Mr Randolph Gardiner has been living in the £60,000 farmhouse given to him by their mother some years before her death. It is only several hundred yards from his brother's caravan.

Mr Randolph Gardiner, who runs his own plant hire company, said: "I'm planning to move because, unless I do, there will be a killing on the farm".

In his judgement, the judge said Mr Randolph Gardiner had resented the fact that his brother had enjoyed an extravagant youth as a "Jack the lad" with "lots of money, fast cars and girl friends".

The judge said Mrs Gardiner had a "strong personality", was possessive about her children and tried to keep them close to her and dependent on her. "She was capable of making different and inconsistent promises to all of them", he said.

Under her 1980 will, Mrs Gardiner left a life interest in the farm to Mr Randolph Gardiner and said her seven grandchildren should inherit after his death. Mr Barry Gardiner and Mrs Carol Lindsey, his sister, were left a life interest on the £28,000 residue of her estate.

Yesterday's ruling means that Mr Barry Gardiner inherits outright the farm and its stock, apart from the farmhouse, which Mr Randolph Gardiner already owns.

The judge said the two brothers, between whom there was "considerable rivalry," painted very different pictures of life at Homestead Farm.

Mr Randolph Gardiner had claimed that his brother did little or no work on the farm.

The judge, accepting Mr Barry Gardiner's evidence, ruled that after the collapse of his transport business in 1979, he worked full time on the farm.

It was "inconceivable" that he would have done so had he not believed he would receive the farm as a reward.

Mr Barry Gardiner had been promised the farm in 1983 and, at the time of her death, Mrs Gardiner was in the process of changing her will to leave the farm to him.

He claimed that, on the day of their mother's death, his brother Randolph told him not to worry because he knew the farm was going to him.

A year later Mr Randolph Gardiner served his brother notice to leave the farm.

Mothering to a gorilla



Matibi, a gorilla aged a week and a half, with Miss Julia Black, aged 24, her keeper, of Howletts Zoo Park, Canterbury, Kent, who wears a false hairy chest for her charge to clutch. Doctors had thought that Matibi, the thirty-fifth gorilla in the zoo's present population, was dead after she was delivered with difficulty by forceps and Kaja, her exhausted mother, failed to recognize her. Miss Black, who has to sleep with her and feed her every two hours said yesterday: "She definitely thinks I'm her mother and probably always will. She's not as irritating as a human baby although she does cry when she wants food and when she's got wind. She's keeping me very busy". She added: "I have started taking her for walks and introducing her to other gorillas from the word go".

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Heart attacks treated by phone

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Doctors can treat heart attacks in the home over the telephone.

In the treatment of 29 patients, it took an average of under two minutes from an attack's onset to diagnosis and successful resuscitation by the remote triggering of a defibrillator.

A second development has started involving cellular radiophones to develop a mobile system.

The technique was conceived by a team working with Dr Jennifer Adgey, consultant cardiologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

Many lives have been saved by flying squads, staffed by paramedics or doctors using defibrillators.

Up to 75 per cent of sudden cardiac deaths happen at home. The most important factor in survival is the time from collapse to administering the shock that restores the normal heart rhythm.

The trans-telephonic defibrillator has been tested with patients whose history puts them in a risk group, but Dr Adgey said any large building or organization could have a device on stand-by.

The method and equipment used by the Belfast team is described in today's *The Lancet*. It has a base station at a coronary care unit and a patient unit — a modified attache case containing a microprocessor, a microphone, telephone circuitry, a battery with charging unit and two self-adhesive pads which enable the electro-cardiogram pattern to be relayed and the patient to receive treatment.

Once the case is connected to a telephone socket, opening the lid starts the automatic dialling to the base. An alarm alerts staff at the care centre where a doctor can identify the cardiac rhythm and charge and discharge the defibrillator by codes.

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Winnings divided into four

A zoo keeper and a public relations executive were among four winners who shared the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 yesterday.

Mrs Marie Beddoe, the zoo keeper, of Chessington, Surrey, intends to spend her share of the prize on a horse-riding holiday in the north of England.

Miss Susan Llewellyn, the public relations executive, lives at Boundaries Road, Wandsworth, south-west London. The other winners were Mrs Heather Burton, of Uckfield, Sussex, and Mrs A Ejdelbaum, of St John's Wood, north London.

Mrs Ejdelbaum said she would spend her prize on her house. Mrs Burton, who is married to a local police officer, plans to finish an extension to their house and enjoy a holiday in Spain.



Mrs Heather Burton, planning extensions to house.

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Unions attack 'cheap labour'

Pupils to work in hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Schoolchildren aged 15 will be encouraged to work on hospital wards as part of a radical package of government proposals to recruit more nurses.

The Government also made it clear yesterday that in the face of a diminishing pool of school leavers entering work, nurses would have to be recruited from a wider base, including those with lower academic qualifications.

Mr Len Peach, chief executive of the National Health Service Management Board, disclosed figures showing that the number of projected female school leavers entering the labour market in the mid-1990s would be "frighteningly low".

Recent work by the Department of Employment has suggested that by then there would be only 22,000 female school leavers with between five O levels and one A level — the traditional qualification necessary for nursing — would be entering the labour market every year.

That figure is twice as low as previous estimates which predicted that the existing pool of 75,000 qualified school leavers would drop to 50,000 in the 1990s.

Mr Peach urged health authorities to offer work experience for schoolchildren through the existing Technical and Vocational Educational Initiative (TVEI), already used by some local authority departments and health authorities.

Speaking at a conference on nursing recruitment and retention, Mr Peach said that children aged 15 to 17 should be encouraged to gain work experience in hospitals as part of an NHS recruitment drive.

He later emphasized that they would probably only do a little amount of support work and act mainly as observers.

However the proposal was immediately condemned by the Royal College of Nursing and health service unions as a move to prop up short-staffed wards with cheap child labour.

The college said: "Nurses on wards are pushed enough to provide adequate standards of care, without having to supervise young kids. Due to staffing shortages the children would inevitably find themselves having to do things for which they are totally unskilled and unqualified".

The Confederation of Health Service Employees said that the only way to attract new recruits was to pay a decent salary and ensure that staff were not being put under too much sress.

Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, also emphasized the need to attract both qualified and unqualified workers into nursing.

Mr Newton indicated that a proposal from the nursing profession to abolish the present enrolled nurses grade which requires no academic qualifications, is also likely to be shelved due to recruitment difficulties.

Insurance cover 'up to schools'

A teacher at a school which is being sued by a former pupil who suffered a crippling rugby injury said yesterday that schools rather than parents should arrange for rugby-playing pupils to be insured.

Mr Alan Thorpe, a teacher at the Bedford School, told the High Court in London schools were in a better position to appreciate the risk of serious injury from the game.

Mr Simon van Oppen, aged 23, of Priory Lane, Roehampton, south-west London, is claiming damages against the school after suffering a serious spinal injury in an inter-house game in November 1980.

Mr Thorpe said insurance for rugby-playing pupils had been given high priority after a directive from the Medical Officers of Schools Association and information from other organizations in 1980.

He said he had pushed for its provision through the school headmaster, who was in agreement with him.

However, the question was whether the insurance should be arranged by the school or by parents. He said he believed it was the responsibility of schools because all information relating to the need for insurance had been directed to them.

The hearing continues.

Rape 'may have been a lie'

A former public schoolboy may have stabbed a fellow pupil to death because a girl friend made up a story that she had been raped, a judge said yesterday.

Andrew Richens, aged 18, who denies murdering Wai (William) Choi, aged 17, has claimed he lost control after Choi boosted about having sexual intercourse with Miss Sabrina Ngiau, aged 17, a fellow pupil at Dover College.

Mr Justice Pain told a jury at the Central Criminal Court that either it was a deliberate killing, motivated by feelings of punishment or vengeance, or it was a matter of sudden provocation arising out of loss of self-control.

Referring to the evidence of Edmund Wong, another Dover College pupil, who was in another room of Choi's flat in Ashdown Way, Balham, south-west London, when the alleged rape was supposed to have taken place, Mr Justice Pain said: "It (the rape) seems to be somewhat doubtful".

In contrast, Mr Richens, of Borough Green Road, Ightham, Kent, had said the girl told him Choi throttled her unconscious and had hit and spat at her. He had also hit her head against a wall.

The jury is expected to retire today.

Queen Mother tours wards

By Andrew Morgan

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother listened yesterday to two senior doctors at St Mary's Hospital in west London make implied criticism of government health service funding after she had opened a new £33 million wing named after her.

Mr Nigel Harris, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, highlighted alleged shortcomings of the 10-storey wing, where three of the eight surgical wards, eight operating theatres, and a 13-bed intensive care unit have been empty since last September. Management says they will be occupied in phases.

In his speech to the Queen Mother, Mr Harris said: "We have a few more fences to jump before reaching the finishing post, if appropriate resources are provided.

"Then, the remaining obstacles will be successfully negotiated, and we can honour the promises to local people following the closure of two hospitals in the district."

The dean, Professor Peter Richards, said that St Mary's had been associated with the Queen Mother for 50 years, "for richer or poorer". He said the "richer" was the new building, but "poorer" was a cash shortage. They had learnt to make do with less.

Two weeks ago the Queen Mother wrote to Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, to express her disquiet that a hospital ward she had opened in Mid Glamorgan less than a year ago had closed.

Mr Harris told Mrs Edwina Currie, Minister of State for Health, that £900,000 would make the wing's facilities fully operational. "I asked her if she agreed that, after spending £33 million of taxpayers' money on this beautiful building, wasn't it a pity that we couldn't open every ward?"

Mrs Currie told him that £1 million had been set aside for the district. He replied: "They are making out this is extra money, but it's not".

However, Miss Barbara Young, district general manager, said that wards currently unused would fill up in phases as patients were moved from the old building.

Far more day surgery was being carried out and the health authority was looking closely at how to best utilize 20 general surgical beds.

'Highest bid' franchise opposed

ITV faces ruin, says Anglia chairman

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Independent television's workforce of 15,000 faces "despair and ruin" if the Government decides to sell ITV franchises to the highest bidder when they are renewed in 1992, Lord Buxton of Alsa, retiring chairman of Anglia Television, said yesterday.

In a withering attack on the way various Government departments are drawing up new broadcasting legislation, he accused the Treasury of being interested only in how much money it will make. He said the Department of Trade and Industry was "obsessed" with what he descibed as the dash for over-competition and reprimanded the Home Office for "showing little stomach for maintaining its tradtional role as the champion of the best television in the world".

Whitehall's attitude to the future of broadcasting "is hardly a reassuring spectacle at present", he said, writing in the company's annual report, which is circulated to shareholders today.

"One must hope that a firm hand in the middle will emerge, to manage the transition deftly and with due care. Otherwise the imprudent might ultimately bring down some of the Government's own cherished aims, and furthermore the international reputation which this country has earned for 'the best television in the world' will one day become a legend."

At the moment the IBA awards regional television franchises to companies based on their programme plans, financial soundness and, if they already hold a franchise, their past record.

The Cabinet committee studying the future of broadcasting is considering changing the system so that ITV contracts are sold the highest bidder.

He added, referring to the 15,000 people employed by ITV companies: "What conceivable merit could there be in inflicting anxiety, alarm and nerve-wracking years on undeserving and defenceless individuals?"

Grade constructs cross-channel bridge

By Andrew Billen

Mr Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, yesterday claimed to have forged greater co-operation between the channel and independent televisionafter only 11 weeks in the job.

Mr Grade's former colleagues at ITV, which usually screens prestige drama on Sunday evenings, have apparently been persuaded to give the channel's political thriller, *A Very British Coup*, a clear run over three Sundays in June.

The series, adapted by Alan Plater from a novel by Chris Mullin, a former *Tribune* editor, concerns a radical socialist prime minister confronted by establishment plots.

Mr Grade also pointed to plans to celebrate the seventieth birthday of Ingmar Bergman, the film director, when for the first time complementary films will be shown in one evening on the two channels, as evidence of greater inter-channel co-operation.

Making the announcements after Channel 4 had won six BAFTA awards and made a record three-week ratings showing, Mr Grade joked that now might be a good time to retire. However, he made it clear that he was staying and beginning to craft schedules that will further increase Channel 4's penetration by incorporating quick repeats of key programmes.

Mr Grade is also attempting to honour his pledge to strengthen the station's Saturday night output by rescreening highlights from *Films on Four*, including *Moonlighting* and *The Draughtsman's Contract*.

In a further attempt to woo the Saturday audience, the live discussion programme *After Dark* is moving from Friday to Saturday nights.

The station will risk complaints from animal lovers in May with *Animal Traffic*, a series that should prove an antidote to traditional nature programmes. The five documentaries look at the international trade in live animals and wildlife products and will show a tiger hunt and crocodiles being slaughtered to make handbags and belts.

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'Gibraltar link' comments infuriate Tories

Two Labour backbenchers infuriated Conservative MPs when they suggested at question time that the recent spate of violence in Northern Ireland had been triggered by the killing of three terrorists in Gibraltar.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, described the questions as outrageous.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said that Mr King, at his meeting *tomorrow with Mr Lenihan*, the Irish Foreign Minister, and other Irish ministers should discuss the killings in Gibraltar "which sparked off a whole series of killings" (loud Conservative interruptions).

The Government of the republic had immediately raised these issues.

"It deepened any divisions between the two governments, so they are bound to wish to discuss this as well as the Northern Ireland murders."

Mr King: That was an outrageous supplementary question (Conservative cheers). I do not know what his question would have been had, perhaps, 200 people met their deaths in Gibraltar that day.

The Spanish police, with their experience of terrorism, had said that the bomb discovered in a car park in Malaga was the most powerful they had ever seen.

He recognized the problems of the security forces in preventing an outrage of that kind. "I would not compare them with terrorist attacks."

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield Attercliffe, Lab), during later questions on the security situation in Northern Ireland, made a similar point.

He said that when Mr King came under pressure to return to hard-line policies he should bear in mind that it was the operation

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of British hard-line policies in Gibraltar that started the present phase of violence.

The restoration of a strong security presence at funerals would, on past record, always end in violence.

Mr King should be wary of advisers who were perhaps less motivated by desire to break out of the present cycle of violence than by bloodlust and revenge.

Mr King said that he did not accept Mr Duffy's premise in any way at all. Mr Duffy was speaking with enormous authority about events at which he was not present and about which the inquest before a jury had still to take place.

Certain military personnel had acted in aid of the Gibraltar police in seeking to prevent a very serious terrorist outrage.

"How you can interpret that as some hard-line policy endorsement quite defeats me."

Mr King had told MPs that cross-border security co-operation would be included in tomorrow's meeting of the intergovermental conference.

Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Riverside, Lab) asked Mr King how he thought the Anglo-Irish agreement could reduce violence?

He was concerned that the recent slaughter and carnage might spill over to the mainland to towns and cities such as Liverpool, Manchester or Glasgow.

Mr King said that every MP shared Mr Parry's concern at recent violent events, at the attempted terrorist outrages in Gibraltar and the terrorist attack at the Milltown funeral.

No agreement would abolish evil men, but there was a duty to work together as governments and people to try to isolate them.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said that the agenda for tomorrow should be as open as possible with a willingness to learn lessons from recent events.

There should be an acceptance that there had been a sudden and dramatic deterioration not just in relations between London and Dublin but between the communities in Northern Ireland.

Mr King said that he spent most of his time learning lessons. There were lessons to be learnt by those in the community and within the governments of the UK and the Republic.

He did not want to restrict *tomorrow's discussions* but wanted them to be as open and wide as possible.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said that Mr King should make clear to the Irish Government that most Roman Catholics in this country — and he spoke as a Catholic — found it deeply offensive that Roman Catholic priests in the province should officiate at masses and funerals with paramilitary overtones.

Mr King should ask the Irish Government to make it clear to Cardinal O Fiaich that it would help ordinary men, women and children in Ulster if he were to stop this action.

Mr King said that the Roman Catholic Church had made it clear that it would not accept any paramilitary trappings or associations within their churches or grounds.

There was a problem for them after funerals had left the church and were no longer with their jurisdiction.

He had already said that he regretted some of the phrases and comments made by certain priests.

But he coupled that comment, with the warmest respect and a certain humility at the courage and outspokenness of Bishop Cahal Daly and his clear statement.

Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip Northwood, C) said that Mr King should express his strong regret to the Irish foreign minister at the decision of the Irish Government to allow the bodies of the terrorists killed in Gibraltar to land in Dublin.

There had then been a "solemn propaganda procession" from Dublin to Northern Ireland.

Would Mr King make clear that the British Government reserved to itself alone the right to police Ulster and other parts of the UK according to its own lights and interests?

Mr King said that Mr Wilkinson was correct.

That was precisely why, specifically in the Anglo-Irish agreement, the operational independence of the chief constable was clearly defined. He regarded that as an essential element of the agreement.

However, the Irish Government had not sought the arrival of the bodies of the terrorists in Dublin. Ultimately, the decision was for the families and they made their own arrangements without any government support.

It had been suggested that the *British Government should take* responsibility for them. "We did not think that was right. It was a matter for the families."

Mr Peter Robinson (Belfast East, DUP) said that the Prime Minister had said that the aims of the Anglo-Irish agreement were peace, stability and reconciliation.

Had deaths decreased during *the 28 months of the agreement*, had there been more stability in Northern Ireland and were the communities more or less polarized?

Mr King: He is the master of the destructive intervention.

Of course he knows the answers to his own questions. He knows we are facing an acute terrorist threat. He knows there has been sectarian violence and there have been deaths caused by "loyalist" extremists as well as by republican extremists.

They are far too high and it must be the determination of all in this country and in this House to seek to reduce the level of violence.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that at the inter-governmental conference there would be further disagreement between Mr King and the representatives of the Irish Government, because the Irish Government had been given a right to put forward views and proposals about how policing should be carried out in Belfast.

Mr King said that he did not share that pessimistic approach to the problem. While the Irish Government might put forward views and proposals on a wide range of matters, it was for the United Kingdom Government to take the decisions.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that when he had asked before whether the IRA were policing their own funerals, Mr King had warned him not to fall prey to IRA propaganda.

Had Mr King fallen prey to propaganda or was he deceived, and if so by whom?

Mr King said that there was only one police force in Northern Ireland — the RUC, which would not countenance breaches of the law or usurpation of its function.

It was tragic that of all ceremonies a funeral should require any police presence at all. This was because of the utterly unscrupulous approach of paramilitary organizations which sought to exploit such occasions for propaganda reasons.



Mr Martin Flannery (left) and Mr Patrick Duffy: Gibraltar killings to blame for recent Ulster violence

Fewer guns used by police

Firearms were issued to police officers in 2,101 operations in England and Wales last year, against criminals known or believed to have been armed, **Mr Douglas Hurd**, the Home Secretary, said in a written reply. He said that the figure was 14.35 per cent down on 1986 and 33.93 per cent down on 1983.

Police officers had fired shots on seven, or .003 per cent of the occasions last year. Shots had been fired on three occasions in 1983: six in 1984; seven in 1985 and one in 1986.

On December 31, last year, 7,349 police officers in England and Wales had been qualfied to carry arms, *12.46 per cent fewer than a* year earlier and 43.66 per cent fewer than at the end of 1983. The latest figure represented 5.99 per cent of the total police strength.

Campaign for more nurses

About 30,000 qualified nurses a year leave the National Health Service, **Lord Skelmersdale**, Under Secretary of State for Social Services, told peers during questions.

"Health authorities have been asked to mount 'Back to Nursing' campaigns, including refresher training and provide more flexible working arrangement for those with families."

Nationally, a Department of Health and Social Security and NHS working party on equal opportunities for women will soon make recommendations on managing the career break.

He also said that the number of agency nurses brought in to help staff NHS hospitals had risen by 15 per cent between 1986 and 1987.

Falklands garrison

The cost of maintaining the garrison in the Falklands since the conflict in April 1983 worked out at about £700,000 an islander, **Mr Ian Stewart**, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said.

He said that the additional cost of maintaining a garrison in the Falkland Islands from April 1983 to the end of the last financial year was estimated to be £1,425 million.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:
Monday: Education Reform Bill, *completion of* remaining stages.
Tuesday: Housing (Scotland) Bill, progress on remaining stages. Motion on membership of committee on televising proceedings.
Wednesday: Housing (Scotland) Bill, conclusion of remaining stages.
Thursday: Easter recess debates.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:
Monday: Employment Bill, report stage.
Tuesday: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, third reading.
Wednesday: Debate on UK space policy. Debate on British architecture.
Thursday: Licensing *Bill*, report stage.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Motion for the Easter recess. Debate on establishing EEC court of first instance.
Lords (11): Debate on select committee report on Infant Life (Preservation) Bill.

Film release brings Commons cheers

Cheers greeted the news given by **Mr John Stanley**, Minister of State, Northern Ireland, that the Irish broadcasting authorities had released film of last week's funeral violence.

He was replying to **Mr Derek Conway** (Shrewsbury and Atcham, C) who asked, during questions about cross-border co-operation, whether this extended beyond government agencies, to Irish television companies releasing extra footage of last week's disgraceful murders which United Kingdom companies had, to their great shame, been reluctant to release.

Mr Stanley said that the Government would continue to look for ways of further developing cross-border co-operation.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, C) welcomed the information that the chiefs of police from either side of the border were to have a meeting. The absence of co-operation greatly benefited the IRA, he added.

Mr David Alton, SLD spokesman on Northern Ireland, asked *whether Mr Stanley* had been able to have discussion through the inter-governmental conference with chiefs from the Garda about the possibility of solidarity being shown by the Garda with the RUC by the Garda being present at funerals. He also asked whether a joint security council had been considered.

Mr Stanley: I am not aware that the first point has been raised, but he makes an interesting point which, no doubt, will be reflected upon. A joint security council is not part of our proposals but we have made substantial progress in cross-border co-operation. It is under continuous assessment as to how we may further improve it. We have better information on racketeering; better information exchange; better bomb disposal co-operation and better operational co-operation than before the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed.

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland: Although cross-border co-operation has concentrated, for understandable reasons, on security matters, co-operation on economic and social matters is equally important.

Has the Government agreed to approach the European Commission for funds for an international fund for Ireland, not only to secure continued



Mr Stanley: Developing cross-border co-operation

support from the United States, but also to secure provision for some of the most disadvantaged areas of Europe?

Mr Stanley: I endorse his opening remarks. We see the processs of co-operation going beyond security into the political, economic and cultural area.

● The Prime Minister told MPs at question time that she was "very pleased" that evidence on television film concerning the killing of the two corporals in Belfast had now been provided to the police.

She said that upholding the law could not be left only to the police and the courts. It was the duty of every citizen to give information and evidence and, if necessary, to bear witness.

She was replying to **Mr Quentin Davies** (Stamford and Spalding, C) who said that the duty of supplying evidence affected every human being including cameramen and employees and management of the broadcasting corporations.

Kinnock fails to get his budget

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, failed in his effort to get some practical guidance from the Prime Minister for an unmarried young man of 24, who, he said, was called upon to live on £26.05p a week. He said that this figure was a result of social security cuts.

"Is that enough for anyone to live on?"

Mrs Thatcher: Our record on social security is excellent (Labour protests). He is well aware — we fought the election on it — of the differential arrangements we have made for the 16 to 18-year-olds. Expenditure on social security is £46 billion a year.

Mr Kinnock: But they still only get £26 a week — hundreds of thousands of them. Will she publish the budget she recommends for living on £26 a week?

Mrs Thatcher was interrupted twice by Labour protests before she could reply: The points which Mr Kinnock made in reply to the Budget last week would have dried up the means which enabled us to pay £46 billion on social services and £22 billion on the health service.

Mr Kinnock: I ask her to answer in terms even she cannot slide out of. Will she tell these young people how to live on £26 a week?

Mrs Thatcher: Social security payments have gone up in real terms and greatly exceed anything that happened in the lifetime of the Labour Government.

Unions must sort out chaos over the Dundee plant

The unions must sort out their problems on the proposed plant at Dundee and take their case to Ford, the Prime Minister said when asked to intervene in the case.

Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SLD, said that a meeting was to take place at the Ford headquarters in the United States with trade union representatives from this country.

Would she accept from him as one who had been in touch with them during the week — (loud Conservative laughter) — that it was worth making a last-minute plea both to the Ford company and to the TGWU to secure 1,000 jobs for Scotland?

Mrs Thatcher: We want the jobs. We want the business. We would like to have both.

It is matter of great concern that the trade unions over a period of five months disagreed and disagreed publicly, and so far they do not seem to be unified on the course they wish to take. They must sort out their problems and then take their particular case to Ford to see if they can win back the jobs they so severely jeopardized.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) said that the effort to persuade Ford to locate in Dundee would be helped if Scottish members of the TGWU backed the Government's effort, and if the Labour Party was not only concerned with the effects of the union's block vote in the coming leadership election.

Mrs Thatcher: It would be a great advance if the unions could speak with a single voice and they should recognize that many companies that want to invest in Britain would be likelier to do so if there was a single union.

In many places, like Nissan and others, in Wales, the single union is normal.

Prime Minister's questions

Thatcher remark resented by SDLP

All members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party of Northern Ireland, who were in the front line of battle, deeply resented the implication of the Prime Minister's statement on Tuesday that all constitutional parties in the province should provide information needed to bring criminals to justice, **Mr John Hume** (Foyle, SDLP) said during Prime Minister's questions.

"When it comes to bringing to justice people who commit crimes, the police have our full and unequivocal support and there is only one qualification I add — that the police should behave impartially. That is not an unreasonable request in the light of what happens in Northern Ireland.

"Mrs Thatcher should practise what she preaches by telling her ministers, particularly the Attorney General, that nobody is above the law in Northern Ireland."

Mrs Thatcher: I entirely agree. I am sure that he will agree that the RUC are impartial in everything they do. I hope he will encourage more Roman Catholics to join the RUC because it would make their task a great deal easier.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, C) thanked the Prime Minister for being so supportive of the family of the late Corporal David Howes.

Has she reflected on the security situation in Northern Ireland? It brings back memories of Malaya, Aden, and Cyprus and in as serious a situation as we undoubtedly have at present, does it not now call for stricter security measures, which might include house-to-house searches and should certainly include an end to processional funerals.

Mrs Thatcher: We are considering the security situation. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has answered a question about funerals and policing. I agree with what he said about the relatives of the soldiers who were murdered.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab): You got some good publicity out of it, didn't you?

Conservative MPs: Sick.

Later, on a point of order, **Mr Julian Brazier** (Canterbury, C) said that Mr Banks should withdraw that clearly audible remark.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) replied that he had not heard Mr Banks's words. "If that remark was made, I would regret it, but it is not disorderly."

Benn's modest ballot purpose

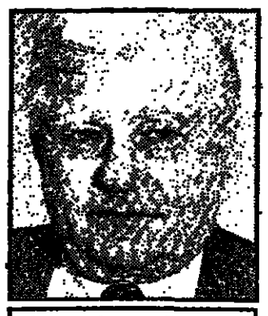
"Futile and selfish". Mr Neil Kinnock seems to have been caught on the funny bone by Mr Tony Benn's decision to run for the Labour leadership. But is the criticism justified? Is Mr Benn's challenge simply an exercise in self indulgence, as Mr Kinnock alleges?

The chances of defeating Mr Kinnock are negligible. But it is obvious that, even with a candidate's sudden euphoria, Mr Benn has a more modest purpose in mind.

It is customary for political candidates to proclaim when *launching their campaigns that* there is a higher cause than mere personalities at stake. Such proclamations are usually greeted with the cynicism they deserve. But there would be more than an element of truth in the statement this time.

I am not suggesting that Mr Benn and Mr Kinnock are soul mates under the skin, torn apart reluctantly by their conflicting *visions of political truth*. They have never been personally close.

Back in 1981 when Mr Benn made his celebrated, or notorious, challenge to Mr Denis Healey for the deputy leadership he might reasonably have expected Mr Kinnock's support. Those were the days when Mr Kinnock was still unequivocally on the left of the party. But far from supporting Mr Benn, he was nearly persuaded to run against him.



Geoffrey Smith

Despite the public smiles, the breach has never really been repaired. But it would be too simple to interpret Mr Benn's challenge now as just an attempt to get his own back. There is a policy gulf between them that is even wider than the personal breach.

The new look that Mr Kinnock is trying to give the Labour Party was always bound to be anathema to Mr Benn. It is contrary to the strategy and philosophy that he has been propounding for years. So it is not illogical for him to seek to sharpen the ideological debate within the party now, before the policy review has been completed.

That will be the effect of this contest. With all the personal bitterness that is already flowing, and is likely to overflow in the coming months, there will also be a fierce argument as to the broad direction that the party should take.

Ideological sensitivities will be awakened. Mr Benn may be able to mobilize a more formidable resistance movement than is now expected. In any case, Mr Kinnock may be induced to make concessions in the heat of the campaign: even certain winners can become unnecessarily nervous under pressure.

***So this debate could make it* harder for the leadership to carry through the policy review in the way they intend. That is why Mr Kinnock is so upset by Mr Benn's challenge, and precisely what Mr Benn has in mind.**

From his standpoint it is reasonable tactics to make his bid now. If the policy review is to be derailed, it is no use waiting *until it has been completed*. If Mr Kinnock is to be frightened into compromise, it is better to press him before he has made too many specific public commitments.

So Mr Benn has a legitimate political purpose, which does not depend upon his seizing the leadership. That can be acknowledged while disagreeing strongly with his objective, as I do.

I believe that it would be in the national interest to have a more credible alternative government, and that Labour's best chance of meeting that need lies in moving back more into the mainstream of British politics. To do that it is necessary to take account of the Thatcher years, rather than to rely upon an extreme version of the party's traditional dogma.

Does this mean, then, that Mr Benn is bound to damage the party, even while exercising his legitimate rights? In the short run that must be so. Anything that draws the electorate's attention to Labour's divisions undermines confidence in its capacity *to govern*.

In the longer term there is a paradox. The more support he gathers, the more his decision to stand will seem to be justified. But the more support he gathers, the more he will split the party and the more damage he will do.

If Mr Benn is trounced humiliatingly, that will confirm Mr Kinnock's grip over the party. After the trauma of a few turbulent months it would then become all the easier for him to impose his will on policy.

But if Mr Kinnock's margin of victory is less emphatic his authority will be eroded and the party will be plunged into another era of turmoil. If that happens, however, the fault will lie not so much with Mr Benn's decision to contest the leadership *as with the underlying* reality it revealed: that, despite all Mr Kinnock's efforts, Labour remained a deeply divided party.

Core curriculum status for RE

The following report of the second day's debate in the Commons on the Education Reform Bill's report stage appeared in later editions yesterday.

EDUCATION

Religious education will have the status of a national curriculum subject under the Bill, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, told MPs during the debate.

Explaining his decision, he said that in the Bill, an explicit, statutory duty was put on local education authorities, on school governing bodies and on head teachers, to ensure that religious education was provided.

However, the churches had been anxious to ensure that religious education should be further strengthened within the curriculum.

What he was proposing now reflected the agreement of the churches and amounted to a new religious settlement. The churches wished to see local discretion retained.

"I acknowledge their desire to see even greater emphasis for RE alongside our national curriculum proposals.

"We have agreed to amend the Bill to ensure that RE is statutorily identified as part of the basic curriculum to be *provided for all pupils by all* maintained schools and that it takes its place before the core and foundation subjects."

But under his proposals, parents would still have the right, as under the 1944 Act, to withdraw their children from RE or collective worship.

The outcome of the discussions that had gone on over the past few months was worth while, workable and in many ways historic, not least because it would reinforce the quality of RE in schools.

"This *settlement does* represent a very great opportunity which I hope the churches will now seize."

Safeguards for church schools in the local authority sector would continue when such schools became grant-maintained.

Earlier, **Sir Hugh Rossi** (Hornsey and Wood Green, C) moved the first of the series of amendments to establish religious education as a core subject in such a way as to allow for differences of treatment from that of other core subjects.

"It is of the greatest importance to the church authorities that religious education is not a single timetable subject, but the foundation of an entire educational process."

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) said that Roman Catholics believed that RE was not one subject among many but the foundation of the entire educational process.

The Bill's preamble, which required all schools to promote pupils' spiritual and moral development, was unlikely to be fulfilled unless the House endorsed the amendments.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, SLD) said that RE ought to be in the curriculum. They had to consider the case for including it in the assessment procedures.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said that he had taught religious education for four years. He did not believe it was absolutely necessary for those who taught it to have faith.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that he accepted the importance of religious education in schools because people could have no understanding of their heritage or culture unless they had a Christian tradition. Likewise, it would be impossible "to understand our literature, poetry, classical works and art and music".

The Opposition accepted that there was a difference in the quality and character of religious education, not only in that it would not be tested, but that it should pervade the whole curriculum and not be taught just as a single subject.

Mr Baker made clear that he accepted the principle of the amendments and they were withdrawn.

Opening the day's debate **Mr Derek Fatchett**, an Opposition spokesman on education, proposed amendments that would, he said, try to ensure that smaller schools, with fewer than 19 pupils, would be able to opt out of the national curriculum. The curriculum should cover all children in all other schools.

Mr Michael Carttiss (Great Yarmouth, C), a former teacher and former chairman of Norfolk's education committee, said *that* the core curriculum should be applicable to all schools (Labour cheers).

He did not accept the arguments of those who attempted to justify the exclusion of the independent sector from this provision. A significant number of private schools needed a considerable shake.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, rejected the idea that the national curriculum was somehow an imposition on pupils in maintained schools.

The amendment was rejected by 304 votes to 199 — Government majority, 105.

An Opposition amendment to ensure that before a school voted to opt out of the state system it must have some experience of managing its own financial affairs was rejected by 309 votes to 212 — Government majority, 97.

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£28m deal to help councils with empty properties

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

A £28 million package aimed at helping the homeless by putting more than 10,000 council houses back into use was unveiled yesterday by the Government.

The cash will go to local authorities with large numbers of families in temporary bed and breakfast accommodation and will be used to refurbish properties standing empty.

In addition, the law will be changed to allow councils to offer sitting tenants cash payments of up to £10,000 or more as an inducement to move on and become home owners. The properties vacated will then be used to house families living in temporary accommodation.

Giving details of the package, Mr William Waldegrave, the Minister for Housing, said local authorities and housing associations must make the best use of housing stock and bring their large number of empty properties back into use.

"It is indefensible that so many families are forced to live in bed and breakfast accommodation, at severe continuous cost to the public purse, while well over 100,000 local authority properties lie empty.

"It is a particular scandal that 28,000 properties, almost three times the number of households in bed and breakfast, have been empty for more than a year", he said in a Commons written reply.

Mr Waldegrave told reporters that he expected his package to halve the number of families in bed and breakfast accommodation from its present level of more than 10,000.

The so-called portable discounts scheme has been pioneered in the London boroughs of Brent and Bromley.

According to a research study commissioned by the Department of the Environment, a £5,000 inducement led to the release of 72 homes in Brent and 86 in Bromley for re-letting.

Most of those taking advantage of the scheme were young couples with children and most moves involved relatively short distances.

Mr Waldegrave told reporters that other authorities had been reluctant to follow the boroughs' example for fear they might be breaking the law. He would be introducing amendments to the Housing Bill now before Parliament.

The precise levels of the incentives would be locally determined to reflect market prices of property. There would be safeguards to stop potential abuses such as people using their payments for other purposes or selling up in the hope of securing a quick profit.

New research to be published on Monday by the Department of the Environment will throw a different light on the extent of the problem of homelessness.

It finds that only a third of the 1.25 million people on council waiting lists are seriously looking for somewhere to live. The others have found somewhere suitable, died, moved away or have put their names down as insurance against being forced to leave their existing properties.

Mr Waldegrave also announced that he is relaxing the rules governing funding from the Housing Corporation to release extra cash for housing associations to refurbish empty properties.

Pacific stars of garden festival



By Kerry Gill

Mr Eric Curtis, curator of the City of Glasgow Botanic Gardens, holds begonias from Papua New Guinea which have almost certainly never been seen before in the West.

The begonias were sent to Glasgow by an expedition team led by Dr James Dickson, senior lecturer in botany at Glasgow University, who visited Papua New Guinea last year looking for rare begonias, orchids and ferns.

The plants he gathered will be displayed publicly for the first time at the Glasgow Garden Festival which opens at the end of next month.

The botanic gardens specialize in orchids, ferns and begonias. The plants were sent each week from Port Moresby, leaving on a Wednesday morning and arriving the following weekend.

Mr Curtis said: "So far we have not named the begonias. There are about five begonias from Papua New Guinea in cultivation in Europe but there are known to be 70 to 80 species in Papua New Guinea so the vast majority will not have been seen here."

Also pictured are Mr Gordon Milliken (left) and Mr Graeme McDonald, apprentices who have helped to tend the rare plants.

The expedition was sponsored by the Trades House of Glasgow and jointly arranged by Glasgow University and the Botanic Gardens.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

Unions seek £500m rail improvements

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A plan to revitalize British Rail's passenger services was put forward yesterday by the railway trades unions. It would cost £500 million in investment and add £137 million a year to running costs.

The scheme, which was prepared by National Economic Research Associates, a firm of consultants, for the National Union of Railwaymen, is designed to reduce overcrowding and improve punctuality, frequency, cleaning, and booking and inquiry services.

The NUR, Aslef, the train drivers' union, and the white-collar Transport Salaried Staffs Association are to join forces to campaign for implementation of the report.

However, the scheme was immediately criticized by British Rail which said it would add at least £184 million to its annual costs.

The consultants believe that much of the increase in running costs could be recovered because the improvements would increase passengers and revenue.

Mr Michael Patterson, secretary of the Central Transport Consultative Committee, which represents rail travellers' interests, said: "We welcome anything which puts pressure on the Government and British Rail to improve the quality of service".

The consultants note that the NUR did not ask them to consider what scope there was for improving the productivity of the work-force.

The report comments on the growing number of complaints British Rail BR receives from passengers.

The proposals put forward for improving services include:

- Punctuality: Recruit an extra 1,000 guards nationwide. More rolling stock in reserve. Cost: £50 million a year, and £120 million one-off capital expenditure.
- Overcrowding: More Inter-City trains into and out of London. Cost: £15 million running costs, £210 million on infrastructure.
- Cleaning: Employ 400 more cleaners. Cost: £4 million a year to meet British Rail standards or £13 million to reach airline standards.
- Booking and inquiry services: 450 more staff; cost: £5 million a year.
- Station staffing: 2,000 additional staff. Cost: £20 million.
- Train frequency: Aim to provide a regular hourly service on most routes. Cost: £165 million on new rolling stock and £30 million annual running costs.

Policies to Achieve a Busier Railway (Better Rail Campaign, 205 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BL: full report £20, summary £5).

Scandinavia rivals Old Master allure

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Nineteenth and twentieth-century Scandinavian paintings fetched Old Master prices at Christie's yesterday, with two records among several strong sales.

The first record was for a painting of the Christiansborg Palace by Vilhelm Hammershoi, the Danish artist, whose cool, austere compositions are said to have influenced Renoir and Whistler.

Hammershoi painted the edifice of the palace to resemble a factory, its walls a titanic grey and its roof punctuated with tall chimneys. The work fetched £220,000 (estimate £100,000 to £150,000), which was £100,000 more than the previous record, to a member of the Canadian art trade.

Harari and Johns, the London dealer, paid the second record price of £209,000 (estimate up to £100,000) for Helene Schjerfbeck, the Finnish artist, for a highly impressionistic painting of a small girl fastening her ballet shoes.

A private Swedish buyer spent £198,000 (estimate £70,000 to £100,000) on a self-portrait by Schjerfbeck, dated 1942. The artist had apparently become obsessed with her own, ageing image from about 1910. That painting, a haunting image of a pasty, sad face within a halo of lemon yellow, is one of many.

Anders Zorn, the Swedish artist, whose painting of two dimpled, naked girls fetched £495,000 at Sotheby's on Wednesday, continued to reward his vendors.

His painting, "Signe", a nude girl with plaits beside a bed, fetched the sale's top price of £286,000 (estimate up to £160,000). Another painting of a nude, entitled "On the Bed", fetched £220,000 (within estimate).

The Statens Museum, of Copenhagen, bought two paintings, an austere Hammershoi interior devoid of human presence but with the artist's easel in the centre, and an Emilius Baerentzen interior filled with the stiff and formal members of the Schram family, led by Councillor Gerhard Schram, director of a widows' pension fund.

The former fetched £104,500 (estimate £50,000 to £70,000) and the latter £33,000 (estimate up to £25,000). The total for Christie's sale was £4.9 million, with 20 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's had its best sale of jewellery in London yesterday, amassing £1.7 million with 4 per cent unsold.

However, the biggest attraction, a diamond ring presented by Queen Mary in 1691 to her trusted general, Godart van Ginkel, first Duke of Atholl, accompanied by a bangle into which the stone was subsequently set, was withdrawn after being sold privately to the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

Top price was for a Cartier emerald and diamond epaulette, dated about 1920, with the drop designed as a stylized iris motif. It sold for £231,000 to an anonymous telephone buyer after being estimated at up to £250,000.

An early nineteenth century diamond cruciform pendant and matching earrings with pear-shaped diamonds, sold for £176,000 to S J Phillips, the London dealer, after being estimated at only £33,000 to £40,000.

Aids knowledge shows campaign is working

By Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

The Government's campaign to educate the public about Aids is working, the results of a new health and safety examination suggest.

The examination is a "basic skills test", one of 12 devised by the Associated Examining Board for the use of employers, schools and colleges wanting to test basic general knowledge and ability.

Of the 1,700 people who took the new health, hygiene and safety test last November, 92 per cent knew Aids was incurable, 93 per cent knew how it was transferred and 83 per cent knew that wearing a condom could prevent its spread.

The examining board found that 87 per cent of the candidates knew where to go for help if they thought they had Aids and only 6 per cent could not name any of the groups most at risk; 75 per cent named homosexuals; only 48 per cent named drug addicts, and prostitutes were named by 44 per cent.

Only 6 per cent suggested that chastity might prevent the spread of the disease; but 56 per cent recommended taking fewer sexual partners or one partner.

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Bleeep. "Staley?... Archer. What's going on? Tokyo have been on, they want to know our reactions. Please call me will you" Bleeep.

John was remembering when working late was the rule rather than the exception and driving home was not quite the pleasure it is today.



"Why is everyone prone to panic?" mumbled John. He switched off the machine, put the tape in his pocket and decided to play the rest in his car. Down in the car park his Renault 25 V6 Turbo was silhouetted under a stark fluorescent light.

Plip. The remote control locks are always a blessing and he was immediately behind the wheel. The smell of leather reminded him of cigars. He resisted.

"Very clever" he said quietly as he drifted the Renault effortlessly into the night.

Whether he meant the digital update displayed on the dash or the implications of what he'd just heard on tape remained to be seen.

Bleeep. "It's nearly six Mr Staley, I'm off now. The notes for tomorrow are on your desk" Bleeep.

He smiled. "Thank heavens someone's calm."

A truck appeared from nowhere in his path. He stabbed the brake. The ABS system forgave him and pulled the car to a decisive straight line stop. 30 tons of steel thundered by oblivious. It made him think. Of the business. Of the people in the office, and of Sally.

The minute he arrived home, the two of them were packed and heading for the coast.

Sally leaned back and smiled across. John pressed the 'one touch' electric window button and felt the cool night air.

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Scottish community charge

Registrars face disruption from poll tax opponents

More than a million registration forms are about to be delivered to households in Scotland seeking information for the controversial community charge, or poll tax, which will be introduced north of the border in April next year. As the mammoth registration process begins, a number of campaigns by those opposed to the charge threaten to disrupt the task, writes ***Kerry Gill.***

"I have to be seen as a person sitting on the fence. Unfortunately, it is a barbed wire fence", Mr Jack Wood, the community charge registration officer for Strathclyde, said yesterday.

Mr Wood is in the uncomfortable position of having to administer collection of the community charge from roughly half of the Scottish population. It is little wonder he finds it difficult to be totally non-partisan.

Along with his counterparts in Scotland's other regional authorities, he will be responsible for compiling a register of everyone liable to pay the poll tax when it comes into force in April next year.

However, Mr Wood's more immediate task will be to order 700 temporary canvassers, armed with a million poll tax inquiry forms, into the field in just over a week's time.

Every household in Scotland will receive a form demanding information such as the name and address of the "responsible person" for the household, the number of dependent students and the name of anyone severely mentally handicapped who may be exempt from the tax.

Incorrect information or failure to return the completed form before a set date will result in a £50 fine. Subsequent failure will incur an additional £200 penalty which will be added automatically to the community charge.

Mr Wood admits that the next three months will be testing. Apart from the plethora of organizations which threaten to disrupt registration, some of the small print has yet to be explained.

For instance, no guidelines have been issued to determine what constitutes severely mentally handicapped? It is expected that the term will allow exemption only in congenital and severe cases. That means that anyone who has been mentally disabled in a car crash will still be liable to pay the tax.

Mr Wood said that anyone making such a claim ought to accompany it with a medical certificate. "We do not feel competent to make these judgements", he said. Families looking after elderly people suffering from senile dementia could also be liable to pay.

In Strathclyde, which includes the Greater Glasgow region, canvassers will visit 925,000 homes at least twice. The assessors will record and deliver the forms, then return about a week later to collect completed forms and assist with inquiries.

Many of the forms will be partially completed on the basis of information already known, which the householder can then amend or delete. That is being done partly to try to overcome campaigns directed at disrupting the registration process.

The campaign, Stop It, which is being supported by the Labour Party leadership in Scotland, is urging the so-called "responsible person" in each household to return the form uncompleted, querying several aspects.

The organizers claim the campaign is within the law but will make registration virtually impossible to administer within the set time.

Many grassroots Labour Party members and supporters are calling for mass non-payment. The Scottish National Party, the recently formed Scottish Labour Action group and the Anti-Poll Tax Union, which has compiled a number of petitions, are also urging non-payment.

Air on the small strings



Mr Jim Whitehouse, of Coseley, West Midlands, with a one-twelfth scale double bass, one of the miniature instruments including violins, guitars, and lutes, which he makes from rosewood, mahogany, ebony and maple and sells for up to £150 (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Campaign for better call boxes nears goal

By Colin Narbrough

British Telecom looks on course to have nine out of 10 call boxes working by April, the target it set in response to public outrage over poor service.

The latest survey of telephone boxes, sponsored by Telecom and the Office of Telecommunications, the industry watchdog, shows a national average of 87.2 per cent in working order, compared with 77.5 per cent in the previous survey.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of Oftel, commended the effort that Telecom management and staff had made.

The sudden jump in the percentage of working call boxes was hailed by the Telecommunications Users' Association as "amazing".

Mrs Vivien Peters, a director of the association, said the consumer organization was delighted with the better figures. However it hoped that Telecom would sustain the effort it has made to improve its performance after its target has been reached.

The regional breakdown in the latest survey, conducted from February 6 to March 4, shows Northern Ireland already passing Telecom's target, with 99.7 per cent of booths in working order, up from 83 per cent, while Wales still manages only 84.8 per cent, after a previous 75.6 per cent.

In England the latest figure is 87.1 per cent, a 10-point jump, but the London area, although much improved, lags behind at 85.1 per cent. In Scotland 89.4 per cent of call boxes are in order, compared with 82 per cent in the fourth survey.

Race bias 'blocks teachers' advance'

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Barely 2 per cent of teachers are from ethnic minority groups, according to research by the Commission for Racial Equality.

There are still too few black and Asian schoolteachers and headteachers are not encouraging them to seek promotion in their own schools, the research shows.

A study of eight local education authorities showed that ethnic minority teachers were disproportionately represented on the lowest pay scale. The national average ethnic minority population is 4.5 per cent and the eight education authorities studied all had high ethnic minority populations, either generally or in some towns.

They included Brent and Newham, two outer London boroughs with high proportions of ethnic minority children; as well as Bolton, Leeds, Avon and Buckinghamshire.

Dr Aaron Haynes, the commission's chief executive, said that one of the most "sinister" difficulties involved promotion. The proportion of white teachers who had been encouraged or invited by their headteachers to apply for a post within the school in which they taught was nearly twice the proportion of ethnic minority teachers

Dr Haynes called on local education authorities to monitor the progress of ethnic minority teachers

Ethnic Minority School Teachers (Commission for Racial Equality, Elliot House, 10-12 Allington Street, London SW1E 5EH).

Taping 'extracts more evidence'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The tape-recording of police interviews with suspects, now being introduced across England and Wales, has led to more confessions, admissions and information about other offences, according to Home Office research.

A report on the study said yesterday: "It is possible to replay the confession of one suspect to a previously uncooperative accomplice, so prompting an admission".

Police were quoted as saying the questioning of suspects flowed more easily. A number of suspects in the same case could be rapidly interviewed and the degree of corroboration offered by tapes was welcomed.

The study says that, after the introduction of tape-recording, court proceedings were begun against a higher proportion of suspects.

The report is based on data from two-year field trials in Leicester, the Wirral, Winchester, South Shields, Jarrow, Holborn and Croydon.

Detailed information on courts was collected in Leicester and the Wirral. In Wirral use of tape evidence led to a higher proportion of convictions in contested cases in magistrates' courts than in contested cases where it was not used. In Leicester, the percentage of guilty pleas tended to increase in both magistrates' and crown courts.

Before taping, most disputes over interview evidence were about complaints of misrepresentation in police evidence given in court of statements made by suspects to the police. Such challenges virtually disappeared. The emphasis shifted instead to the interpretation of particular words in interviews.

There were small reductions in the average length of trials in both the higher and lower courts.

Almost all police officers considered the system acceptable and workable, the report says.

The Government intends tape-recording of suspects to be introduced nationally by 1991.

● Crime figures out today are expected to show that annual increases have been reduced.

The 1987 statistics for England and Wales are expected to be in keeping with a trend set in the year up to September, when the rise in reported crime was only 2.6 per cent.

The Tape-Recording of Police Interviews with Suspects: a second interim report, by Carole F Willis, John Macleod and Peter Naish. (Stationery Office: £6.30p).

Weekend food prices

New-season lamb worth extra cost

Lamb is the traditional meat for Easter Sunday, a custom of religious origin which remains popular because of the outstanding quality of the meat at this time of year. Supplies of new season lamb are increasing, but naturally shoppers will have to pay more for this tender succulent meat.

A whole leg of new-season lamb costs between £2.25 and £3.25 a lb whereas this season's leg is between £1.70 and £2.08. A magnificent saddle of new season lamb at Sainsbury costs £2.96 a lb and weighs between five and seven lbs.

Another good looker is a crown roast suitable for a party of four to six people between £3 and £4.20 a lb. Shoppers are advised to place orders early to avoid disappointment next week, particularly for large joints.

Beef topside at approximately £2.30 a lb is another good choice for large parties and quick and easy to carve. However, sirloin on the bone will have added flavour and does look rather imposing, but it costs about £3.03. A more economical joint is rib of beef about £1.59.

Meat and poultry on promotion this weekend are: Sainsbury's frozen British grade A turkey, 48p a lb, English pork loin chops £1.18 and English bone in leg quarter cuts 98p; Safeway: first grade oven-ready turkeys weighing 5lb to 5lb 15oz, £2.99 each; Asda grade A British frozen turkeys basted and non-basted 48p, whole fresh chicken 69p a lb, and rump steak £1.99 a lb; Bejam: eight (plus one free) sirloin steaks £5.99; Dewhurst: home New Zealand lamb from 69p a lb and whole New Zealand lamb legs from £1.39.

Reduced landings of cod and haddock earlier in the week produced a hiccup in supplies. With the approach of Easter prices may go up.

Billingsgate had a consignment of fish from Pakistan which included Indian trevally, yellow croakers, kingfish and snapper. Exotics parrot fish snappers and emperor fish are retailing at £3 a lb.

Supplies of shell fish are good with large shell on prawns at £2.25 a lb. Mussels are 50p a pint and Fine de Claires oysters £5.90 a dozen. Fresh scallops are £6.70 a lb.

Oranges at 6p to 25p each are good quality. The first new season apples from the Southern hemisphere are in the shops. Cape golden delicious are 40p-45p a lb.

There is a wide selection of grapes at 70p-£1.30 a lb. New in the shops are Cape and Israeli ogen melons between £1.90 and £2.50 each.

Cauliflowers are down in price, now at 35p-50p each. Cabbages are 15p-30p a lb, mushrooms 40p-75p a half lb, swedes 16p-18p a lb and potatoes 11p-15p a lb are the best home-grown vegetables.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

'Not guilty' pleas in Iran arms case

Washington — Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, President Reagan's former National Security Adviser, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North and two associates pleaded not guilty here yesterday to criminal charges including theft and fraud in the Iran-Contra scandal (Michael Binyon writes).

All were freed by the court without bail and told to contact court authorities once a week. The charges against Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North are the most serious against government officials since Watergate. Retired Major-General Richard Secord and Mr Albert Hakim were charged with running a clandestine operation to provide weapons for Iran and the Contras.

Israeli air attacks

Jerusalem — Israeli aircraft attacked guerrilla targets in southern Lebanon yesterday for the second consecutive day, an army spokesman here confirmed last night (David Bernstein writes).

The spokesman said the targets, buildings used to store weapons and ammunition, were north-east of Sidon, the same area attacked in Wednesday's raid. All aircraft returned safely to base and reported good hits, he added. Yesterday's air raid was the fifth on targets in southern Lebanon this year, and the fourth in the past two weeks.

The occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip remained relatively quiet yesterday.

Manila meeting

Manila — President Aquino and the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Igor Rogachev, yesterday discussed proposals to reduce superpower military presence in the region, and signed an agreement calling for regular talks (Humphrey Hawksley writes). Mr Rogachev's visit comes shortly before negotiations begin on the future of US military bases in the country.

Meanwhile, a Philippine judge issued arrest warrants against five executives and journalists of the *Philippine Star* newspaper. President Aquino filed libel charges after its columnist wrote that she hid under her bed during a coup attempt last August.

Missionary jailed

Harare — An Australian missionary, Mr Ian Grey, aged 27, has been jailed by a Mozambique court for 10½ years after being found guilty of passing information on the Frelimo forces to the Heritage Foundation, the right-wing US organization (Jan Raath writes). He was also alleged to have helped infiltrate American journalists into Mozambique and to have put them in touch with MNR guerrillas.

Police use hypnosis

Stockholm — Police investigating the killing of Olof Palme, the former Swedish Prime Minister, used a new tactic this week in their two-year-old hunt for the assassin (Christopher Mosey writes).

They put key witnesses under hypnosis and claimed afterwards to have built up a new description of the gunman differing radically from a picture issued shortly after the murder.

A press spokesman said: "We know much more about the man's appearance than we are willing to reveal at this stage."

Voting on the Rock

Gibraltar — Gibraltarians turned out early and in large numbers yesterday to vote in the general election (Richard Wigg writes).

Mr Joe Bossano, leader of the Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party, only needs to increase by one the seven seats his party obtained in the 1984 election to become Chief Minister in the 15-seat House of Assembly. He is opposed by Mr Adolfo Canepa, the present Chief Minister and leader of the Labour Party, and Mr Joe Pitaluga, who heads the new Independent Democratic Party.

Arms control remains summit obstacle

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, flew home on Wednesday after three days of tough talks that fixed the date of the summit, but failed to make any real progress on the main issues President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov will discuss in Moscow: arms control and Afghanistan.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said after a final negotiating session that lasted almost three hours longer than scheduled: "It has been tough going". In a separate press conference, Mr Shevardnadze said there had been some movement but added that the results of their talks "have not been very big steps". The two are due to meet twice more before the summit: in Moscow next month, and then again in mid-May.

Afghanistan was the main sticking point. Mr Shultz said the US had presented a new proposal to speed the withdrawal of Soviet troops. This calls for a three-month moratorium on outside arms deliveries to the Kabul Government and to the rebels, beginning when the Russians start pulling out. This could then be extended, but would not prejudice the US and Soviet Union's legal rights to supply their respective sides. The US would not back a settlement unless there was agreement on such a moratorium.

The Russians regard this as a new condition that the US is setting in an effort to raise the price of a Soviet withdrawal. Rejecting it, Mr Shevardnadze said it ran counter to Moscow's obligations to the Afghan Government, which were based on a 1921 treaty.

The Americans have made it clear that for domestic political reasons they cannot be seen leaving the Afghan rebels in the lurch, and are insisting on "symmetry" in a cut-off of arms. Mr Shultz said that only such an arrangement would provide stable conditions in Afghanistan and enable the to US to act as a guarrantor of any agreement between Afghanistan and pakistan.

Mr Shevardnadze brusqely announced that no agreement had been reached. "The Afghan question can be resolved without US guarantees."

On the efforts to fashion a new agreement reducing strategic weapons, little progress was made, although the two sides reaffirmed their "strong commitment" to concluding a treaty at the earliest possible date.

There remain four main areas where the two superpowers' positions still conflict.

● Mr Shultz said the US still sought rights to more vigorous tests of potential space weapons than the Soviet Union is willing to allow, but he presented new proposals to resolve the dispute that the Russians agreed to study. These are mutual confidence-building measures in which neither side would prepare to deploy missile defences in space suddenly and without warning.

● Mr Shevardnadze said the US had dropped its insistence on banning mobile, land-based missiles, but a senior US official denied this. The US rejected a Soviet proposal to limit the number of mobile missile launchers to 800.

● Mr Shultz said Moscow had "shifted gears" on the speedy signing of verification modifications to two existing nuclear test ban treaties. Mr Shevardnadze made clear that he first wanted completion of a joint experiment involving the measurement of nuclear explosions at test sites in each other's countries.

● The Russians proposed a joint test of measures to verify limits of sea-launched cruise missiles. Washington is to study this plan. It would involve tests in the Mediterranean next month of equipment that Moscow claims can distinguish whether the cruise missiles are carrying conventional or nuclear warheads.

President Reagan is to visit Mrs Thatcher on June 2 and 3 after his Moscow summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Downing Street announced yesterday. (Andrew McEwen writes). It will be his first visit to Britain for four years and is likely to be the last he will make before leaving office next January. He and Mrs Thatcher are expected to use the occasion to emphasize the strength of the Anglo-American relationship over the last eight years.

Negotiators have made little headway since the December summit on these issues, although both President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov have expressed eagerness to sign a Start treaty in Moscow.

For both men, the summit is politically important. Mr Reagan needs to offset the recent failures with Congress over civil rights legislation and Nicaragua, and the embarrassment of having two top former aides indicted in the Iran-Contra scandal. A successful summit would also help the Republicans' chances in the presidential election.

Mr Gorbachov is seen here as needing a new foreign policy success as he struggles with the ethnic rioting in Armenia and Azerbaijan and wrestles with economic reform. A summit could give him crucial political momentum before the June party conference that will be critical to his efforts to consolidate power.

A five-man team from Washington will leave for Moscow this weekend to begin detailed planning for the summit. White House officials said the Russians had been very open and co-operative in helping Mr Reagan fashion an agenda similar to that followed by Mr Gorbachov here in December.

The President will leave Washington on May 26, spending three nights in Helsinki before going to Moscow. This will allow him time to rest and symbolically underline his commitment to human rights, embodied in the 1975 Helsinki Accords. He will arrive in Moscow on May 29, leaving on June 2 for London, where he will spend the night, returning to Washington the next day. Mr Reagan is expected to broadcast from London to Western Europe to announce the results of his fourth meeting with the Soviet leader.

The preparatory talks here covered all the main issues that will be raised in Moscow. On human rights, Mr Reagan gave Mr Shevardnadze a list of 17 people in whom the US had a special interest, including human rights activists and religious dissidents imprisoned in the Soviet Union as well as Russians married to Americans and wanting to emigrate.

Nicaragua truce receives cautious US welcome

By Mohsin Ali in Washington and David Gollob in Managua

The White House, in a cautious reaction to the Sandinista-Contra ceasefire plan, yesterday described it as an important step but warned that the agreement merely opened the gate in a long and difficult road to democratic reform and peace.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said it was now crucial that Congress quickly provide humanitarian aid to keep the Contra rebels in food, clothing and medical supplies during the transition process.

At talks in Sapoa, Nicaragua, representatives of the Sandinista Government and Contra rebels agreed late on Wednesday to observe a 60-day truce while negotiating an end to the war.

Mr Jim Wright, the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, indicated that he had probably worked out an arrangement with Mr Bob Michel, the Republican House minority leader, for continued humanitarian aid to the rebels. A bipartisan group of senators has proposed a one-year $48 million (£30 million) humanitarian aid package. Congress cut off all aid to the Contras on March 3.

In a further US development, Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic majority leader, called on President Reagan to take up the Nicaraguan Government's offer to hold negotiations with US officials on easing tensions and possibly reducing Soviet and Cuban influence in the region.

The agreement by the Contras to observe a 60-day truce comes after serious reversals on the battlefield.

Even before the latest Sandinista offensive, in which government forces crossed the Coco River — the northern border between Nicaragua and Honduras — and destroyed Contra bases on the other side, the rebels were on the run.

Without American military and logistical support the Contras were unable to sustain their fighting capacity and a "tactical retreat" of all but 1,000 soldiers was considered inevitable. The destruction or capture by Sandinista forces of rebel food and munitions stockpiles in the 10-day operation also had a devastating effect.

The impact on the morale of the rebel forces on the ground has been considerable. To the obvious displeasure of the Contras' political leadership, Señor Walter Calderón López, a rebel field commander known by his nom de guerre "Comandante Tono", has repeatedly admitted in public that war-weariness among ordinary foot soldiers had reached a critical level.

The Contras' political leadership, meanwhile, has expressed growing frustration with the on-again, off-again flow of American military aid. The eight-year war has brought the White House more embarrassment than victories. While overthrowing the Sandinistas was the singular obsession of the Reagan Administration, Contra leaders sensed that, even under a Republican President, their prospects of securing the same degree of commmitment from the next Administration were poor.

This increasing sense of doom, combined with the change in the political landscape brought about by the Central American peace plan sponsored by President Arias of Costa Rica, may have encouraged the Contras to sign an agreement with the Sandinistas with concessions unthinkable a few months ago.

The Contras deny that they have abandoned their position on key issues. "You can match our 'ceasefire' offer with the final agreement, and you can see the resistance got what it wanted from the Government," said Señor Alfredo César, a member of the Contra directorate, on Wednesday. However the ceasefire agreement, by its very nature, is based on acceptance of the Government's position that, in line with the Central American peace plan, the Contras must abandon armed struggle and pursue their goals as civilian participants in the internal political process.

Key demands, such as the abolition of compulsory military service, the immediate release of all political prisoners, and the participation of civilian opposition groups in the peace talks have been dropped, although the issue of conscription will be taken up in a further phase of the negotiations.

Much can still go wrong over the next two months, the period in which a definitive cessation of hostilities must be negotiated. However, the Contras have committed themselves to regrouping their troops inside Nicaragua in designated ceasefire zones by April 15. Once this phase is reached, the Sandinistas will enjoy a significant military advantage, in the event the peace process breaks down, because enemy forces will have been contained.



The head of the Sandinista Government's negotiating team, General Humberto Ortega, who is President Ortega's brother, speaking to reporters at the Nicaraguan border post of Sapoa.

● SAPOA: As midnight approached on Wednesday in this windswept border post, top Nicaraguan government and Contra officials and military commanders mounted a crude wooden platform erected in a customs shed (Martha Honey writes). After singing Nicaragua's national anthem, representatives from each side signed a truce accord which will, if fully implemented, bring peace to this war-weary country.

For the several hundred foreign and local journalists, many of whom have covered the seven-year-old and US-backed war which has cost 50,000 Nicaraguan lives, the scene was both surrealistic and historic.

"This is a beginning. We must complete the road to peace," President Ortega said after driving from Managua for the signing ceremony.

Señor Adolfo Calero, on the Contra negotiating team, said: "We took a first step to end the war and establish peace with freedom."

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Shultz statement places Afghan talks in jeopardy

From Michael Hamlyn, Geneva

The proximity talks here on peace in Afghanistan seemed doomed to break up shortly after the failure yesterday of the Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting in Washington to resolve one of the key issues.

Mr Shultz made an uncompromising statement that only with an agreement on a symmetrical end to arms supply would the US be prepared to sign the Geneva accords as a guarantor.

The feeling among the UN mediation team was that without the United States as guarantor the Geneva package could fall apart.

It was unlikely that it would be worth signing those instruments dealing with other matters if instrument three, which proposes the superpower guarantees, is withdrawn. A UN spokesman said last night that the proximity talks would continue today "but we only arrange these things day by day".

It had been expected that, if the two superpowers could agree on "symmetry" between the ending of arms supply to the Mujahidin and the Kabul regime, the rest of the outstanding pieces would quickly fall into place.

Señor Diego Cordovez, the United Nations mediator, later called the leaders of the Afghan and Pakistani delegations to the Palais des Nations, where the talks are being held, but the meetings lasted only 35 minutes. He later met Soviet and US delegates.

According to Mr Zain Noorani, the Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, yesterday's discussions concentrated on technical and legal matters. Russian and American lawyers have been examining the freshly completed texts of the four instruments of the accord.

There were no discussions on the substantive measure still dividing the two sides — the symmetry issue, the question of a new government for Afghanistan, and the disputed border between the two countries, which is the only question which directly relates to the four documents.

Mr Noorani was quite categorical, however, that he did not see the border as an issue to be discussed.

But he was not unhopeful the talks would continue. "I am willing to send for summer clothes," he declared.

Mr Abdul Wakil, the Afghan Foreign Minister, told reporters, anxious to know whether the talks would continue: "You will hear today or tomorrow."

Kremlin braced over Armenia

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet security forces are bracing themselves for attempts by disaffected Armenians to defy Kremlin orders and use the expiry of tomorrow's unofficial moratorium on demonstrations as the excuse to resume mass protests for the return of the Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

As the Kremlin clampdown on the month-old crisis intensified, it was announced that new rules had been published in the local Armenian press outlawing all street protests which had not been notified 10 days in advance. "The new rules take effect from today," said a spokesman for the official Armen Press News Agency.

The new ban, ordered by the Kremlin hierarchy, has ensured that any demonstration tomorrow in the Armenian capital of Yerevan will be illegal. "This has set the scene for a potential full-scale confrontation if the activists go ahead," a diplomat said.

Mr Paruir Airikjan, one of the few Armenian activists contacted by telephone from Moscow during the day, said that some armed Soviet soldiers were already patrolling the streets of Yerevan and that helicopters occasionally swooped low over the city. His claims could not be confirmed.

Armenian sources in Moscow reported that many Armenians had been "disappointed and angered" by Wednesday's decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to order the new moves against demonstrations and to rule out the boundary changes.

The new Kremlin tough line was matched by redoubled efforts on the part of the KGB to impose a strict news blackout on events in both Armenia and neighbouring Azerbaijan. One member of a Western news agency who had secured a place on a package tour to both republics had her permission to travel withdrawn once her identity was discovered.

Yesterday telephone connections to Armenia were repeatedly cut and many Armenians who were contacted appeared frightened to speak in any detail about any plans being drawn up by the self-styled "Karabakh " committee which organized the recent protest which brought about a million demonstrators on to the streets.

A resident of Stepanakert, the small capital of Nagorno-Karabkh which has an Armenian majority, indicated that feelings were mounting. Asked how the city was reacting, one resident, who hung up before giving his name, said: "I do not know, but the city is not quiet."

Soviet sources maintained that the sudden switch in Kremlin tactics to outright opposition to demonstrations, which had earlier been tolerated with remarkable laxity, indicated that conservative supporters of Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Kremlin number two — notably General Viktor Chebrikov, the KGB chief — had now gained the upper hand.

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Vanunu guilty in Israeli secrets trial

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

The district court here yesterday convicted Mordechai Vanunu, the former nuclear technician who sold Israel's nuclear secrets to *The Sunday Times* 18 months ago, on three counts of espionage and treason.

The panel of three judges ruled unanimously that Vanunu was guilty of collecting information with intent to harm the country's security; the transmission of information with intent to harm the country's security; and aiding the enemy in its war against Israel.

The first two counts carry a maximum life sentence, and the third, which is tantamount to treason, carries a maximum death sentence in the unlikely event that the prosecution will demand this when the court convenes next week to pass sentence.

Vanunu's lawyer, Mr Avigdor Feldman, told reporters after the verdict that he was extremely disappointed, particularly that the court had found his client guilty of treason, and said that he would be appealing against the verdict in the Supreme Court.

The three judges came down on the side of the prosecution on "some extremely complex points of law which have never before been raised in a court of law, not in Israel and probably nowhere else in the world", he said.

The defence case appears to have been built, not on denying the charges that Vanunu had provided secret information on Israel's nuclear capacity to *The Sunday Times*, but that there were both legal and moral grounds to claim that this did not constitute treason.

The affair began on October 5, 1986, with the publication in *The Sunday Times* of a detailed account of Israel's nuclear research programme at its secret facility near Dimona in the Negev, including a claim that Israel had already built up a large home-produced nuclear arsenal.

A few days later the source of the report, Vanunu, who had worked as a technician at Dimona, vanished from England, sparking widespread speculation that he had been abducted by Israeli agents.

On November 9, Israel admitted that Vanunu was in Israel while denying rumours that he had been kidnapped on British soil.

Vanunu was formally arraigned in the Jerusalem District Court on November 30, and in a dramatic incident outside the court on December 22, he flashed a message written on the palm of his hand to waiting reporters, claiming that he had been kidnapped in Rome, where, it emerged he had been enticed by a blond Mossad agent codenamed "Cindy".

● LONDON: Vanunu's brother, Meir, said after hearing the verdict: "I am proud of my brother, but I am not proud of what has happened in Israel," (Andrew McEwen writes). "He risked his freedom and his life to bring into the open information which concerns the whole of humanity. The Israeli court confined itself to a narrow charge and swept the real issues under the carpet."

Speaking in London, Mr Vanunu said he was dismayed that Israel had used charges of treason and espionage against a man who had spoken not to a hostile power but to a British newspaper.

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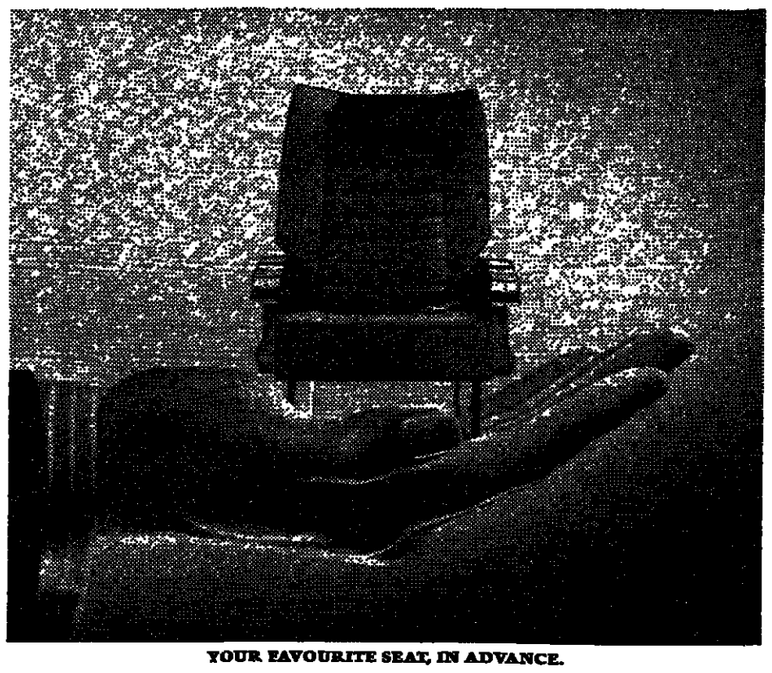
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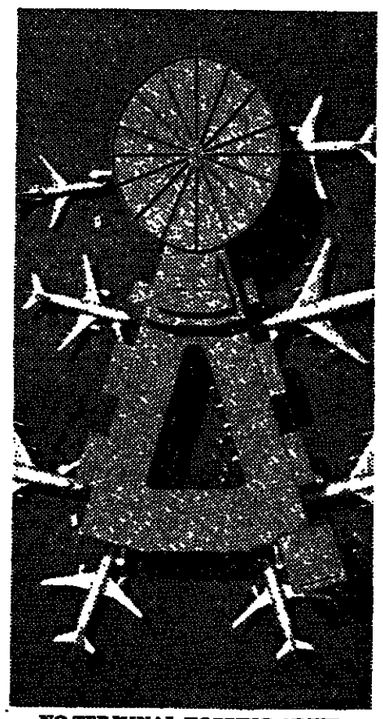
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Voters sceptical as Mitterrand cries warnings of doom

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The French appear to have decided that the presidential candidacy of M François Mitterrand is highly welcome but the charged tones in which he announced it are not.

In the newly commissioned *Le Monde/RTL* poll, just over 60 per cent of those questioned expressed satisfaction that M Mitterrand was now in the race. On the other hand, almost half of them were not convinced by the incumbent President's dire warnings of the danger to the social fabric of the nation from the forces of the right.

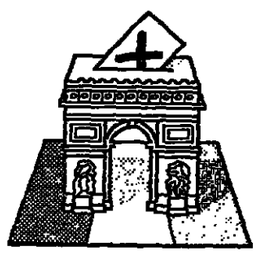
Even among M Mitterrand's professed supporters, almost one-third thought he had gone over the top in conjuring up visions of a sudden rupture of the "social peace" should he somehow fail to be returned to the Elysée Palace.

While the findings of this first opinion poll to appear since M Mitterrand declared his candidacy on Tuesday night were being digested by his mainstream conservative rivals – M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, and M Raymond Barre – another significant difference of opinion was emerging in the conservatives' so-called "united majority".

The latest fissure came after M Barre let it be known, in his low-key way, that he would not automatically oppose policies put forward by a government chosen by a re-elected President Mitterrand.

"If he gets in, it's because he has the backing of the country ... and it is up to him to decide what to do next," M Barre observed, sounding rather like a man who has already conceded defeat. But he summoned up a spark of a challenge by promising to censure any Socialist attempt to renationalize concerns privatized during the last two years of government by *cohabitation* – the term describing the present Conservative administration under a Socialist President.

Since M Chirac has already said, loud and clear, that in the event of another Mitterrand presidency he will immediately demand new parliamentary elections, this looks like another bonus for *"le Florentine"* – as President Mitterrand is sometimes called – in his all-out bid to split the main opposition. No wonder the two conservative camps are barely on speaking terms these days.



A considerable school of thought holds that ordinary people delight in misleading the pollsters. Taking into account that 58 per cent in the latest *sondage* insisted that their opinion of M Mitterrand had not changed one iota since he decided to run again its findings are not exactly political dynamite. For all that, candidate Mitterrand has good reason for feeling fairly jaunty.

His striking new campaign poster is now going up all over Paris: the man of destiny, three-quarter face, gazing resolutely into the middle distance above the slogan "A united France". Close examination of the small print reveals that the word Socialist is nowhere to be seen.

As President Mitterrand declared his candidacy, M Barre responded with a "Tupperbarre" campaign which aims, according to a straight-faced aide, to bring M Barre into ordinary people's lives to chat about this and that.

One of the first such excursions took M Barre – and the media – to an evening session with the taxi drivers of the 17th arrondissement.

Over smoked salmon on toast and *petit fours*, the problems of such hard-working small entrepreneurs were aired while the cameras clicked and whirred. M Barre sagely agreed that the traffic problem in Paris is fast becoming intolerable.

The gathering showed the life-loving side of M Barre, usually considered the most "serious" candidate in the presidential race with his long political analyses of the state of the nation. In an atmosphere officially described as *décontracté*, M Barre was the soul of bonhomie.

It seemed touch and go whether he would bother to canvass, but the politician in him won through and he exhorted the taxi-drivers: "It's not enough to shout 'Barre for President'. You have to vote for me too, in the first and second rounds."

Masked protest over banned paper



South African journalists, wearing masks symbolizing the gagging of the press, protesting during yesterday morning's rush hour in Johannesburg against the Government's decision to close the *New Nation* newspaper for three months. The black-oriented weekly published by the Roman Catholic Church is accused of violating state of emergency censorship regulations.

Mrs Mandela urges black unity

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, appealed here yesterday for unity in black ranks and for an end to "the petty ideological differences that hinder the cause of our struggle".

Mrs Mandela said that in the interests of unity she would even be prepared to talk to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the conservative Inkatha organization, provided she had a mandate from the ANC to do so.

"We must stop senseless killings," Mrs Mandela told *The Times*, referring to the 400 black lives lost in murderous feuding between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front in Natal province.

Mrs Mandela's comments, made after addressing 2,000 students of all races in the Great Hall of the University of the Witwatersrand, appeared to signal an important shift in thinking within the ANC and its above-ground ally, the UDF. In recent years Inkatha and the ANC/UDF have moved from a relationship of coolness to one of open enmity. Even as Mrs Mandela was talking of a possible *rapprochement*, Chief Buthelezi was telling the Legislative Assembly of the KwaZulu tribal homeland, of which he is Chief Minister, that reconciliation had become impossible. However, he seemed to hold out hope that talks might still be held. He said he would send a copy of the text of his speech to Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC's exiled president.

Addressing Mr Tambo directly, he said: "My concern is for the struggle for liberation. Both you and I know that internecine black-on-black confrontation delays the day of victory.

" I ask you to think again about conference tables and the fact that you and I and others will have to deal with each other." The student gathering was called to protest against the detention earlier this week of Miss Rosemary Hunter, president of the Students Representative Council.

She is one of at least 11 Witwatersrand students held without trial. Her father, Professor Peter Hunter, said her family "is right behind her and is very proud of her". He urged white parents to get their children into politics because "an education without a deepening awareness of the conditions in our country is a very inadequate education".

● **Seven cleared:** A court in Witbank, south-east of Pretoria, yesterday acquitted seven employees of the Gencor mining house of culpable homicide and other charges relating to the deaths of 177 black miners in a fire in the Kinross gold mine on September 16, 1986. One, Mr Frederick Viviers, was fined a total of 100 rands (£25) for two contraventions of the Mines and Works Act.

Peking frees Mao coup plotters

Peking (AP) – Four military leaders jailed for an alleged coup attempt against Mao in 1971 have been freed.

All four were assistants to the former Defence Minister and Mao's designated successor, Lin Piao, during the Cultural Revolution that began in 1966, and all were convicted of aiding him in an attempt to murder Mao.

Port strike

Dhaka (AP) – More than 30,000 workers at Chittagong Port in Bangladesh have gone on an indefinite strike over pay and conditions.

Son jailed

Port Augusta (Reuter) – Frank Blevins, aged 26, the son of South Australia's Minister for Prisons, was jailed for stabbing a man.

Forest blaze

Saint Raphaël (Reuter) – About 800 firemen, backed by airborne water-bombers, struggled against Mistral winds to control a large forest fire on France's Côte d'Azur.

Food lift

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union launched a cargo spacecraft to deliver food and other supplies to its manned space station Mir.

Girl sacrificed

Delhi (AP) – A Hindu occult priest sacrificed a girl aged seven to please a goddess and kept the decomposing body in his temple.

Roo stew

Melbourne (Reuter) – Kangaroo meat is an ideal source of lean meat and could help improve Australians' diet, Dr Kerin O'Dea, a nutritionist, told a conference here.

France's new poor pose dilemma for candidates

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

Walking along the bustling, brightly lit corridors of the Paris Métro, they look like bundles of discarded clothing dumped against the wall. Each one holds a piece of cardboard as they slump, staring at the ground or appearing to be asleep. The message on the cardboard, written in shaky block capitals, varies little: "Help me", "I'm hungry" or "End of social welfare entitlements".

They are *les nouveaux pauvres*, as French society has glibly dubbed them. Their plight is one of the serious issues that none of the leading presidential candidates has dared to touch. Poor people do not bring in votes. To talk about the growing number of people, many of them young, who have dropped out of society because the French social security net is not equipped to save them, is to invite criticism that neither the right nor the left has tackled the problem so far.

One such person is Jean-Baptiste, aged 25, who has come to Paris from Toulouse to seek his fortune. Jean-Baptiste has never found a job since he left school and can receive money – £120 a month – only by joining government job schemes which last a few months.

"I've done two," he says, "but I can't stand the degradation. There's nothing in Toulouse but I've picked myself up and come to Paris."

His face brightens. "I'm getting somewhere – in two weeks I only slept rough for a few nights and have now found a reception centre."

Officially more than 2,500,000 people are unemployed in France, excluding those on government training schemes. According to a report published last year, the same number are living below the poverty line. Of these 400,000 live without any income or social benefits and between 200,000 and 400,000 without a roof over their heads.

I met Jean-Baptiste at the free medical centre run by Médecins du Monde in the south of Paris. This volunteer doctors' organization, famous for its relief work in the Third World, caused a rumpus two years ago when it announced that Third World conditions had arrived in France and it was beginning work here.

The organization was accused by the Government of mounting left-wing propaganda in a country known to have one of the best social security systems in the world. Today it has 15 centres throughout France. "Few realize the depth of the problem," says Mlle Véronique Ponchet, who runs the Paris centre. "People unable to get state medical care come here from outside Paris too – we could open 10 centres if we had the funds."

President Mitterrand made a private visit here recently, unable to comprehend himself how people could be completely destitute.

French unemployment benefit and health care schemes are not automatic. Unemployment benefits depend on length and type of work and free health care is based on insurance contributions, not residence, as in Britain.

After a year out of work, many can continue to receive benefits or free health care only through individual justification, which involves endless bureaucratic red tape.

"Worst off are those who have been in and out of work and therefore lose their entitlement," says a social services expert. "The ones who need help the most are just those who no longer have the strength to go from council office to council office trying to justify their need."

Once out of work, with little or no money coming in, the downward spiral begins – divorce, children taken into care, debts, eviction, small hotel room, reception centres, on the street. Those on the street congregate in the Métro or certain areas of town.

Médecins du Monde has set up a day centre for those unable to get free treatment. Volunteers try to get those who come to them back onto the official health circuit, but say a third return a second time. The illnesses are varied, with many suffering from leg ulcers and other infections. Doctors are suprised by the number of untreated pregnant women who seek help. "In a country where people are actively encouraged to have more children, pregnant women are turned away from hospitals," said one doctor.

Several charities organize roadside soup kitchens and free meals, although only during winter months. Among those handing out soup to all was an organization called "Muslim Solidarity", and mosques in the poorer areas stay open for anyone who wants to sleep there.

"The mosques are the only reception centres taking both men and women – although on opposite sides of the mosque – so that couples can find each other in the morning without having to search around town," says Mlle Ponchet.

Last year's report on poverty suggested that a minimum income should be guaranteed to all. So far only the Communist presidential candidate, M André Lajoinie, has put this in his programme.

Denktas seeks 'no strings' Cyprus meeting in London

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Rauf Denktas, president of the self-styled Turkish State of Northern Cyprus, yesterday invited President Vassiliou of Cyprus to meet him in London next Wednesday.

The invitation – which may be seen in the Greek sector of Nicosia as a challenge – followed a report in *The Times* yesterday pointing out a coincidence in the two leaders' travel plans. The newly-elected President will be arriving to meet Mrs Thatcher just as Mr Denktas ends a one-week visit.

Mr Denktas said it would be politically easier for President Vassiliou to see him in London than in Cyprus. The President rejected his earlier suggestion that they should hold a "get-to-know-you" meeting in Cyprus because Mr Denktas coupled it with an implied claim for recognition by saying that they should meet as equals. No country except Turkey recognizes Northern Cyprus.

But yesterday at his hotel in London, Mr Denktas said he would agree to an understanding that President Vassiliou would not be implying any concessions if he accepted. "I would like to see him in London. It would be useful to meet. We need to get to know each other", he said.

He said the meeting could be held on the same basis as his previous meetings with President Vassiliou's predecessors, President Makarios and President Kyprianou. But he failed to mention that those meetings were held before the Turkish Cypriots declared unilateral independence in 1983.

Mr Denktas said: "If he is what they say he is, a practical man, a realist, a man who understands that two peoples exist (in Cyprus), not a nation, then there may be a flicker of hope".

He also made these points:

● If the United Nations arranges a meeting, as President Vassiliou has requested, it should be on the basis of the March, 1986, UN proposals. President Vassiliou has described the 1986 plan as "unworkable and therefore unacceptable".

● If the Greek Cypriots insist on changing the 1986 plan, he wishes to withdraw concessions he made to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General at the time.

● He believes that Mr Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister of Turkey, will refuse to meet President Vassiliou, who is expected to ask Mrs Thatcher to try to secure such a meeting when she sees Mr Ozal in Ankara next month.

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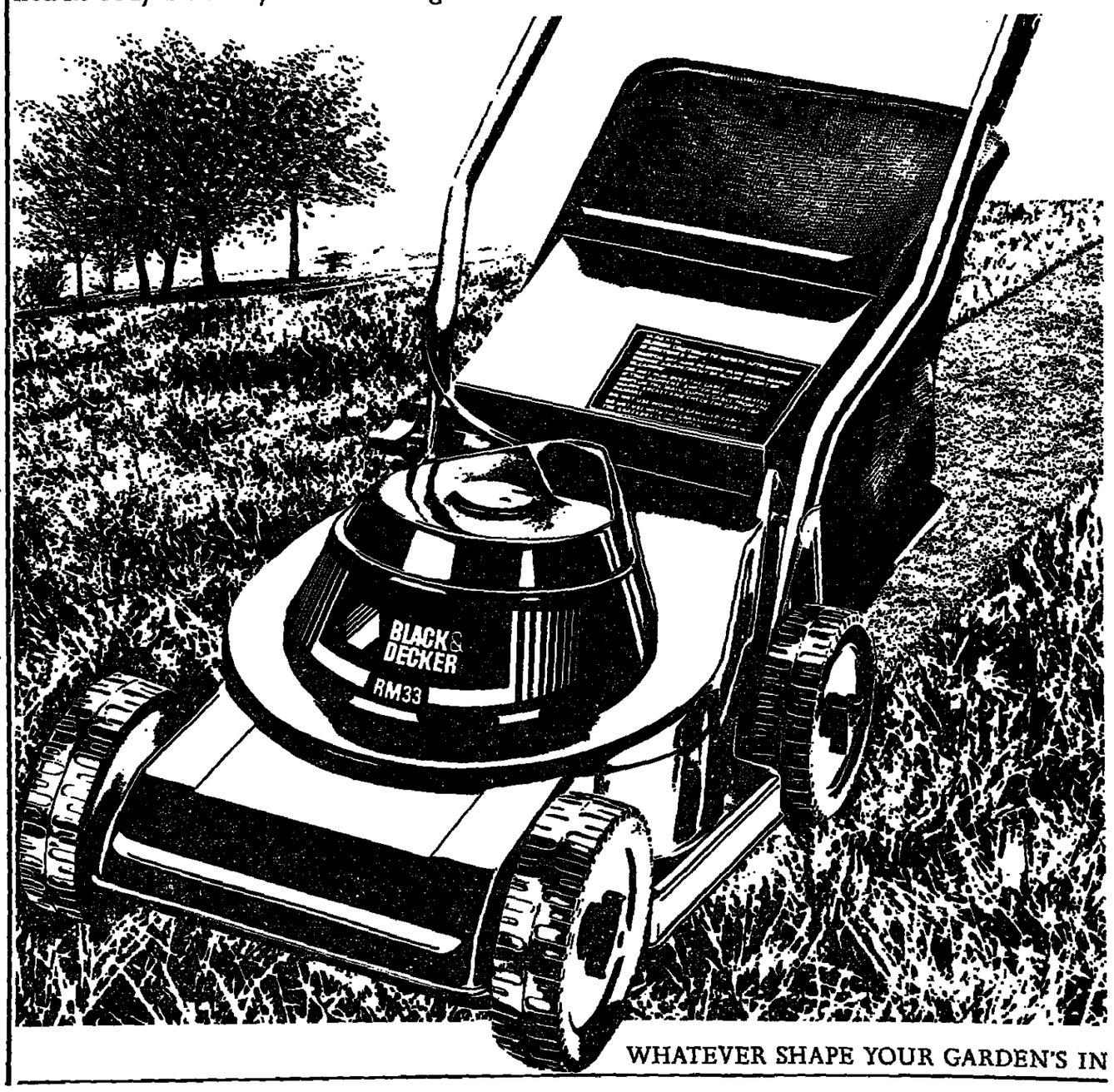
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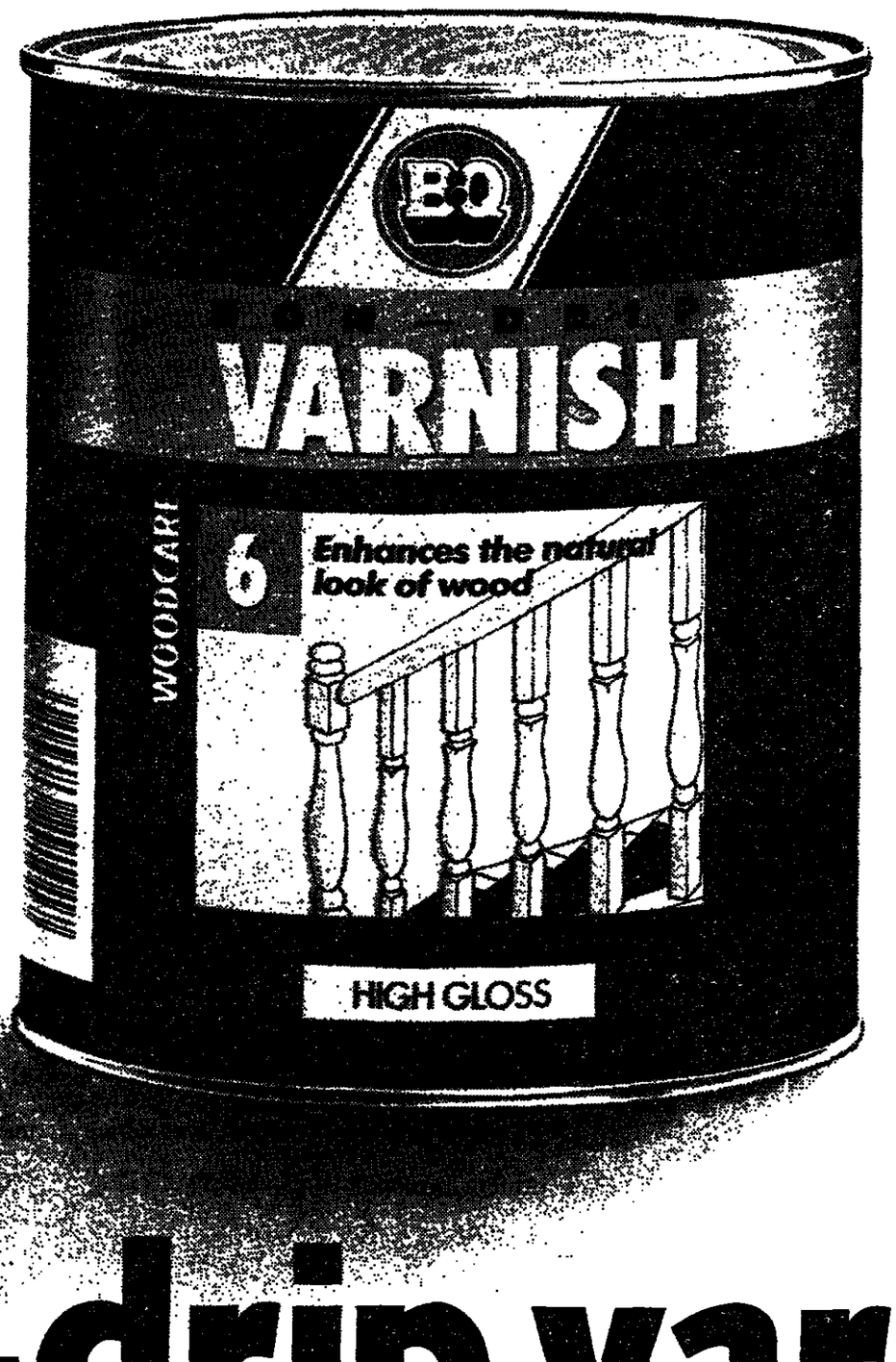
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The EEC and state sovereignty

Community members fear loss of control over taxes

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Are we gradually losing national sovereignty to Brussels in a crucial area of government: the right to levy taxes? There is a growing debate among EEC experts and diplomats on whether attempts to harmonize indirect taxes such as VAT, which have caused a political storm in Britain, will lead inevitably to co-ordination of direct taxation as well.

No European finance minister likes to think he is losing control over key instruments of fiscal policy, traditionally the jealously guarded preserve of national governments.

The European Commission is already considering whether there should be some alignment of corporate taxes and company law on tax deductions and incentives. "Nigel Lawson made scarcely a mention of the EEC in the recent British budget statement," one EEC official said. "But some control over fiscal matters seems bound to move across the Channel as the single European market in 1992 draws nearer."

The Commission is aware that moving too quickly antagonizes British opinion in particular. Hostility towards the EEC in Britain – whether latent or overt – is partly due to the fact that the Community often makes apparently nonsensical proposals in its attempts to harmonize the practices of 12 disparate nations. Anti-EEC feeling also stems from centuries of proud island tradition and mentality. The EEC began as a Franco-German enterprise, and Britain still stands aloof.

But hostile criticisms also arise from ignorance: we fear what we do not understand. The workings of the EEC are abstruse and complex. In Britain we are only now, for example, beginning to take on board the full consequences of creating a frontier-free Europe by 1992, a concept which did



not spring unbidden from the brain of Lord Cockfield or any other Brussels Commissioner. It was implicit when Britain joined in 1973 and has been spelled out since in directives and summit resolutions to which British ministers and prime ministers have already put their names.

In a useful forthcoming book,* Dick Leonard offers a lucid explanation of how the EEC came about, how its institutions actually work, and what EEC policies hold for us in areas from the internal market, the environment, foreign policy and taxation. Mr Leonard, ex-MP for Romford, was for many years the *Economist* correspondent in Brussels. Taxation, he observes, has been regarded from the very beginning of the EEC as a subject reserved for member states' sovereignty – "except in so far as its incidence may distort competition within the Community, or discriminate against nationals of other EEC countries".

The Cockfield proposals on approximating VAT rates by 1992 rest precisely on the argument that differing VAT rates will cause significant trade distortions in a unified market. In the end, Mr Leonard concludes, Britain and other states are likely to win important exemptions – the VAT decision requires a unanimous vote by the Twelve – and approximation will not go as far as Lord Cockfield would like.

But experts such as Signor Emanuel Gazzo, who runs the respected Brussels newsletter *Agence Europe*, argue that logic points to EEC states having to concede further sovereignty over both direct and indirect taxation. The Commission, according to some reports, will suggest a common rate for company profits and dividends to replace its long-forgotten 1975 proposal for a band between 45 and 55 per cent.

According to Lord Cockfield, discussion on common rules for corporate taxes are still "in the formative stage". However, officials acknowledge that a proposal is in the works, and may be presented this summer.

The taxation issue, in other words, raises most starkly the question of whether the 1992 process involves loss of national sovereignty in a common European cause. Britain is not alone in having doubts about this trend: France has reservations about the VAT issue, and Herr Martin Bangemann, the West German Economics Minister and current chairman of the EEC Internal Market Council, argues that full fiscal harmonization will come only after 1992, when the effects of free competition and the drawing-together of the EEC economies become apparent.

But it is Britain which has reacted most vehemently against the VAT proposals. Mr Ben Patterson, Conservative Euro-MP for Kent West, argues in a recent pamphlet * that while Britain can surely retain some zero rating exemptions, "we should have the courage of our convictions and accept the case for approximation".

Britain should then launch a campaign to spread the benefits of its own system to the rest of the EEC.

Mr Leonard is cautious about the prospect of control over fiscal policy slipping to Brussels. But he concludes that, although a united Europe is a long way off, Britain is in the EEC to stay and must help Europe to "punch its weight in the world" against US and Japanese competition.

Although every country has to fight its corner hard, "the somewhat grudging and minimalist attitude still adopted on occasion by British ministers – and perhaps particularly the Prime Minister – in their dealings with the EEC is highly damaging to British interests and threatens to reduce the UK's influence within the organization".

* *Pocket guide to the European Community, to be published by Basil Blackwell on March 31, price £15.*

* *VAT: The Zero Rate Issue, from the European Democratic Group, 2 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1.*

Delhi women strike back at police



Angry protesters mobbing a policewoman yesterday at the Indian Home Minister's residence in Delhi. More than 1,000 people were arrested for violating a ban on protests and rallies when they marched to the minister's house to demand his resignation over the beating of 15 women by police during a national general strike last week. The protesters carried posters and shouted anti-police slogans to demand an investigation into the beating of the 15 women on March 15.

Moi drops deputy in Cabinet shuffle

From Andrew Buckoke, Nairobi

President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya yesterday demoted his long-serving Vice-President, Mr Mwai Kibaki, to the Ministry of Health and replaced him with a political novice, Dr Josephat Karanja.

The move came in a Cabinet reshuffle after general elections on Monday in this one-party state. It consolidates the President's increasingly unchallenged power.

Mr Kibaki took a leading role in shaping Kenya's development as President Kenyatta's Finance Minister, and had been President Moi's deputy since Kenyatta died in 1978.

The accession of President Moi, from the small Kalenjin tribe, to the presidency was dependent on the support of Mr Kibaki and Dr Charles Njonjo, the two leading politicians from the Kikuyu tribe that had dominated the country's politics and economy since independence.

Dr Njonjo was publicly disgraced in 1983 when he was accused of involvement in a plot to overthrow the Government, but remains a free man. Mr Kibaki's removal from high office reflects his increasing isolation and powerlessness in recent years. It is an unwritten part of the constitution that a Kikuyu must be Vice-President, and that is probably Dr Karanja's only similarity to Mr Kibaki.

Dr Karanja has less than a year's experience in government as an assistant minister of research, science and technology, though he has served as Kenya's High Commissioner to London.

The reshuffle increased the number of ministerial posts from 27 to 32, introducing such novelties as a Ministry for National Guidance, and brought in 12 new ministers. These were mostly in the junior ministries, however, and most of the senior faces, such as Professor George Saitoti at finance and Mr Robert Ouko, who returns to foreign affairs, remain.

Apart from the four ministers who lost their seats in the elections – almost a sure sign of their fall from favour – only three lost their Cabinet seats yesterday.

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Lee contemplates retiring with a hand on the helm

From Gavin Bell, Singapore

Time and political tides wait for no man, not even the accomplished Canute of Singapore, Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

After guiding his island state to independence and keeping a fragmented opposition firmly at bay for almost three decades, the Prime Minister, aged 64, is preparing to step down, or at least sideways.

In a recent interview, Mr Lee reaffirmed his desire to retire at 65 and to have a successor in place by September 16 this year, his birthday. However, there is no question of the state's *pater familias* going gently into the political night.

It is apparent that while Mr Lee may be prepared to leave his throne, he is determined to remain the power behind it, possibly until his eldest son, presently Minister for Trade and Industry, is ready to take his place.

The Government is planning to amend the Constitution to provide for an elected president with expanded powers, and there is no doubt in anybody's mind who will be President since it was Mr Lee who proposed it.

His ruling People's Action Party is likely to invest the presidency with a veto on the spending of accumulated reserves, and possibly other powers. He may also retain political control by remaining the secretary-general of his party.

Mr Lee likes to describe his future role as that of a goalkeeper, ensuring that the Opposition does not break through and score.

The achievements of his dwindling "old guard" of senior ministers will be a hard act to follow, having transformed their polluted, impoverished island into a prosperous, if somewhat sterile, city-state in a mere 23 years.

Singaporeans assume Mr Lee would prefer his son, Brigadier-General Lee Hsien Loong, aged 36, to lead the new generation of technocrats, if only because of his well known conviction that genetics determine ability.

So far the rising son has fulfilled his father's expectations by graduating from Cambridge with first-class honours, and acquitting himself well in the armed forces and various government economic posts.

However, he may have to wait a few years before assuming power. The prevailing view is that Mr Goh Chok Tong, the First Deputy Prime Minister, will be appointed to succeed Mr Lee, if only to allow the heir-apparent to gain more experience.

Mr Goh, aged 46, has a liberal image in contrast with General Lee, who is seen to reflect the authoritarian style of his father. Last September Mr Goh said of the Government: "Maybe we are too intolerant of differences of opinion, thus causing people to conform and not create. Maybe we are over-regulating people's lives."

General Lee has appeared less sympathetic to the cautious demands of younger people. When informed that people were reluctant to contradict the Government, he suggested this was due to laziness.

Speculation of rivalry between the two was fuelled by a newspaper interview in 1985, in which Mr Goh said: "If the Prime Minister told me that he wants his son (to succeed him) he wouldn't have my support. It can't be decided by the PM against the wishes of my generation."

The prospect of political infighting without Mr Lee firmly in control is viewed with some misgivings, particularly in the business community, where it is not universally accepted that a more liberal government would be in the country's interests.

"Those who think the Government should relax tend to be people who live in ivory towers", a young professional said. "Our economy is very fragile and our success has been based on Mr Lee's old policies."

If Mr Goh becomes Prime Minister, it is taken for granted that any liberal changes will be in form rather than substance.

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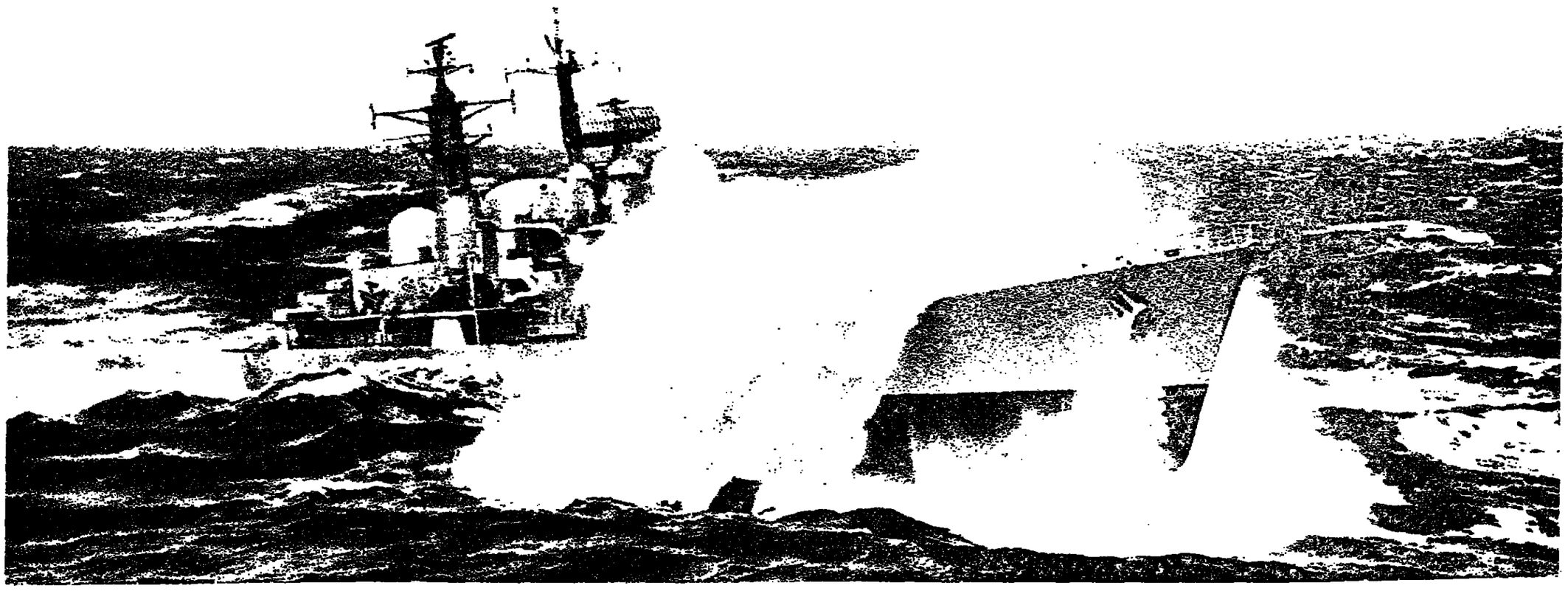
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Summing up sheer genius

Charles Babbage was an unsung Victorian hero: his plans for a computer were 100 years before their time. Simon Tait reports on how scientists are bringing to life his masterpiece — with the aid of computers

To prove that a 19th century Cambridge mathematics professor devised an effective computer a century earlier than it was officially invented, a trio of experts from the Science Museum and the Imperial College of Science are using the latest computer-aided design (CAD) technology to piece together a machine conceived in the 1840s but never built.

"It's like opening Tutankhamun's tomb," says Peter Saunders, a mechanical engineering tutor at Imperial College. "You can only imagine what's inside, then suddenly there it is, in three-dimensional form, on screen." Saunders and the Micro VAX computer have joined forces with Doron Swade and Peter Turvey of the Science Museum to try to assemble Charles Babbage's Second Difference Engine, first by making a test piece of a small section.

Information on the components is being fed by Saunders into the CAD machine which then "makes" them on screen. "We will eventually make it in metal, but this tells us in advance what the problems will be," says Swade. After only a couple of months, they are seeing the first outline of a machine it was thought could never be built, conceived by a man who died a failure.

Babbage, born in 1791, was a gentleman polymath whose mind encompassed an astonishing range of subjects: he wrote on, for instance, chess, tax, geology, optics, ballet, lighthouses and lock-picking. He had a life-long loathing for organ grinders, about whom he would deliver long and venomous polemics to the Royal Society.

First and foremost a mathematician, he was increasingly irritated by human errors in logarithm tables. Babbage's dream was of a machine which could provide faultless tables.

"There were already arithmetical machines," said Swade, "but it was only through the constant intervention of the operator, who had the mathematical insights to perform the calculation himself, that the computation could progress. With Babbage's machine, a monkey could turn the handle and produce the results."

The First Difference Engine was begun in 1822, but when it was still incomplete 11 years later Government funding was withdrawn and the project collapsed. For the Second Difference Engine in 1847, Babbage devised a correcting facility which Peter Saunders still uses in robotics experiments — a wedge to hold a gear movement at precisely the right position.

Nothing ever got off paper for this machine. Babbage was building his third development, an analytical engine, at the time of his death, but too little information about this has survived. When he died, an irritable 79-year-old, he was bitter, disappointed and demoralized, and it may be because both he and his contemporaries considered the project a failure that no one took it up again. "Babbage had no intellectual heirs," according to Swade.

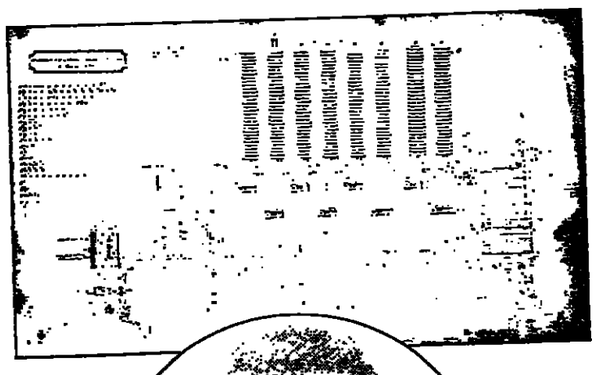
It was not until the 1940s when mathematicians were working on the first electronic computers that Babbage's work resurfaced. After his death his son, a talented engineer, had to abandon attempts to build the first engine, but there was enough information for models of a small section to be distributed to five "centres of excellence", and one was found in store at Harvard.

One of the problems with Babbage, says Turvey, is that he was always changing his ideas. To some extent he was too clever for his own good. But the Second Engine was a fairly well defined project which culminated in what he believed to be working construction drawings."

But they were systems drawings, not engineering drawings. They gave no measurable idea of what the components looked like. These had to be created on the CAD machine, and the computer drawings are their first visual manifestation.

For the bi-centenary of Babbage's birth in 1991, which the Science Museum hopes to celebrate with a new £4 million computer gallery, Doron Swade decided that the exact role of Babbage in computer history needed to be established, and this could only be done by making and testing his machine.







'If we can build this machine and it works, we can put paid to the belief that Babbage didn't succeed in completing any of his engines'

Grandfather of the computer: mathematician Charles Babbage (above) devised his second 'difference engine' in the 1840s (diagram at the top). Using the latest computer-aided design equipment, Peter Saunders of Imperial College (left) and his colleagues are 'building' the engine piece by piece. The component on screen is a carry arm

"It's an article of faith in all histories of computing that Babbage didn't succeed in completing any of his engines because of the limitations of technology," says Swade. "If we can build this machine and it works, we can put paid to that popular belief."

It will show that through academic and bureaucratic lack of vision we had to wait till after the Second World War for machines we could of had before the Crimean War. "We know what the tolerances are," says Turvey. "We build the test piece to top notch modern tolerences, if that works we open and degrade them to get to Babbage's tolerances and if that works, we build the entire machine."

All the preliminary trials and progressions are done on the CAD. "I wanted to put a lot of them together to show what the system was capable of. It was by pure chance that I put them in the identical arrangement to the set of drawings Babbage left us — because all you get there is an end view which looks as if it could be one component.

"The difference between this image and the CAD animators' images you see on TV is that there're just working with pictures. This is all data. Once we've created the objects on the screen putting them together is peanuts." It takes anything from a day to a week to make a single component, an instant to multiply it and a few minutes to assemble them all. "Some are primitive shapes, like a cylinder, which are already in the system, so all you have to do is give the dimension; the others are created by cutting other shapes."

It is a complete machine tool operation on screen, with the added benefit of translucency so that the operator can see through an object at what is happening inside a coupling.

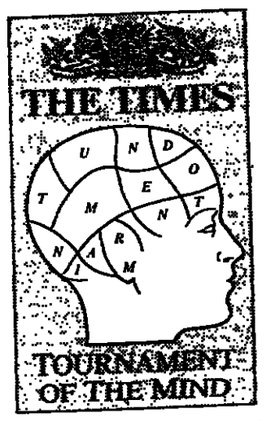
The CAD has made the team "a cautious 90 per cent" certain that the model will work. "I think the Achilles heel, if there is one, is somewhere else," says Turvey. "It's going to be in the operating mechanism, the assemblies beneath the calculator. We already know that Babbage tinkered with its design. But if the calculating mechanism works, the principle is right."

Engineering drawings are being made from both Babbage's and the CAD data, and the Science Museum's own modelling engineers began making the first components this week.

It is hoped that the test piece will be ready by June when Swade will use it to trawl for the £250-£500,000 he will need to build the whole machine — 10ft 8in long, 6ft 5in high and 1ft 6in wide. "Unless there is something to show, all we've got is a technical opinion; we want to say here it is, it works, it's worth going ahead," says Swade.

"If it does, we will have vindicated the man. We can say, yes, he would have succeeded, but he didn't for a combination of cultural differences between pure and applied science, his own temperamental differences and the obstruction of the Government. The irony is that it will have been a Government funded body, the Science Museum, who eventually did it for him."

Tournament of the Mind



● The *Times* Tournament of the Mind has caused an unprecedented leap in applications to join Mensa. In the three days following the closure date for entries, the organization was receiving 3,000 requests per day to join. Many existing members have been taking part over the weeks, but their number does not include Sir Clive Sinclair, the British section's chairman, who declared the questions "far too difficult for me".

● The worst stumbling block for contestants has proved to be Question Three of Day Nineteen, the answer to which appears with the final batch of solutions in tomorrow's *Times*.

ANSWERS: ROUNDS ELEVEN TO FIFTEEN

ROUND 11

Puzzles: 1 I have nothing to declare but my genius. (The code is a simple substitution one. A becomes Z, B becomes Y, C becomes X and so on.) 2 BRAILLE. 3 A. 4 2,000 crowns. (This is a simple ratio question. Every seventh male claimed the 42 gold crowns whilst every sixth female claimed the 36 gold crowns. This is the equivalent of every inhabitant claiming six gold crowns. Therefore, with 12,000 gold crowns given away, there must have been 2,000 inhabitants in the town.)
General Knowledge: 1 Calves. 2 Shannon. 3 Embroidery. 4 Parsifal. 5 Nitric acid.

ROUND 12

Puzzles: 1 The planets in our solar system. 2 GEOMETRY. 3 9. (The numbers at each corner of each square are added to give the number in the centre of the square.) 4 The C5 passes the Morris Minor, and the Ferrari passes the Mini.
General Knowledge: 1 Albert Finney. 2 Foreigners. 3 Boudicca (or Boadicea). 4 Leeds. 5 Morris.

ROUND 13

Puzzles: 1 X = 12. Y = 11. Z = 3. 2 ARCHES, SEARCH. 3 Divide, plus, divide. 4 75. (Over the first 15 innings, 375 runs were scored. After 25 innings 1,125 runs were scored. Take 375 from 1,125 to give 750 and divide by 10 to give the average for the last 10 innings.)
General Knowledge: 1 William Hogarth. 2 Four. 3 Deadly nightshade. 4 Northampton Town. 5 Bleriot.

ROUND 14

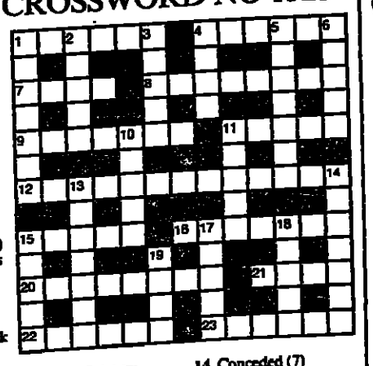
Puzzles: 1 11. (You must give the letters their value in the alphabet and add them together. Then add the numbers in each corner together and divide the sum of the letters by the sum of the numbers in order to get the centre number. Thus J plus L equals 10 +12 to give 22. Divide that by one plus one to give the answer 11.) 2 SHRINE. 3 196. (The numbers start at the top left hand corner and spiral clockwise through the square. Each number from zero onwards is that number squared. Thus 14 x 14 = 196.) 4 130 pints. (Over the month John buys 50 pints, Charles buys 45, Bill buys 5, Dennis 10 and Edward 20, totalling 130 pints.)
General Knowledge: 1 March. 2 Herodotus. 3 T.S. Eliot or Trevor Nunn. (We will accept either answer. Lyrics were based on Eliot's poems; Nunn contributed to the final version.) 4 Judy Garland. 5 C.S. Forester.

ROUND 15

Puzzles: 1 9. (Via the S above the centre A you can trace A,S,T,R three times and A,S,R,T twice. Via the T to the right of centre A we have A,T,R,S twice. Via the S to the left of centre A we have A,S,T,R twice.) 2 ANTARES, SIRIUS, VEGA. 3 9. (Multiply the first two numbers together, divide your total by the third number and then divide this new total by the fourth number. Thus 6 x 3 = 18. 18 ÷ 1 = 18 and finally 18 ÷ 2 = 9.) 4 9am. (Your clock stopped at 7.15 am which is 435 minutes after midnight. The clock gains 12 minutes and 30 seconds every hour, thus each "hour" is 72½ minutes long. We divide 435 by 72½ and get 6 hours, or 6 am. The clock stopped three hours ago and so the correct time is 9 am.)
General Knowledge: 1 *Heartbreak Hotel*. 2 Paramaribo. 3 4 years. 4 C.J. Rouget de Lisle. 5 The Mallard.

● The answer to **Round 7, Puzzle 1** should have read: B and E

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1523



ACROSS
1 18th Cent. supernatural vogue (6)
4 One room home (6)
7 Car outing (4)
8 Suggest (8)
9 Hypersensitive reaction (7)
11 Put in index system (5)
12 Children's book illustrator (4,9)
15 Speculative deal (5)
16 Absolute fairness (7)
20 Mention the famous (4,4)
21 Having coloured markings (4)
22 Straight ski run (6)
23 Made surprise attack (6)

DOWN
1 Accipiter gentilis hawk (7)
2 Shrill warble (5)
3 Hold fast (5)
4 The two (4)
5 Superficial (7)
6 Tendency (5)
10 Pilot's acknowledgement (5)
11 Large teeth (5)
13 Victory (7)
14 Conceded (7)
15 Penalty payments (5)
17 Superior (5)
18 Homer's Trojan poem (5)
19 Greek god of war (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1522
ACROSS: 1 Scrape 4 Drover 9 Control 10 Peril 11 Hear 12 Yuppies 14 Lloyd Wright 18 Fan club 19 Code 22 Odium 24 Enthuse 25 Tagore 26 Endear
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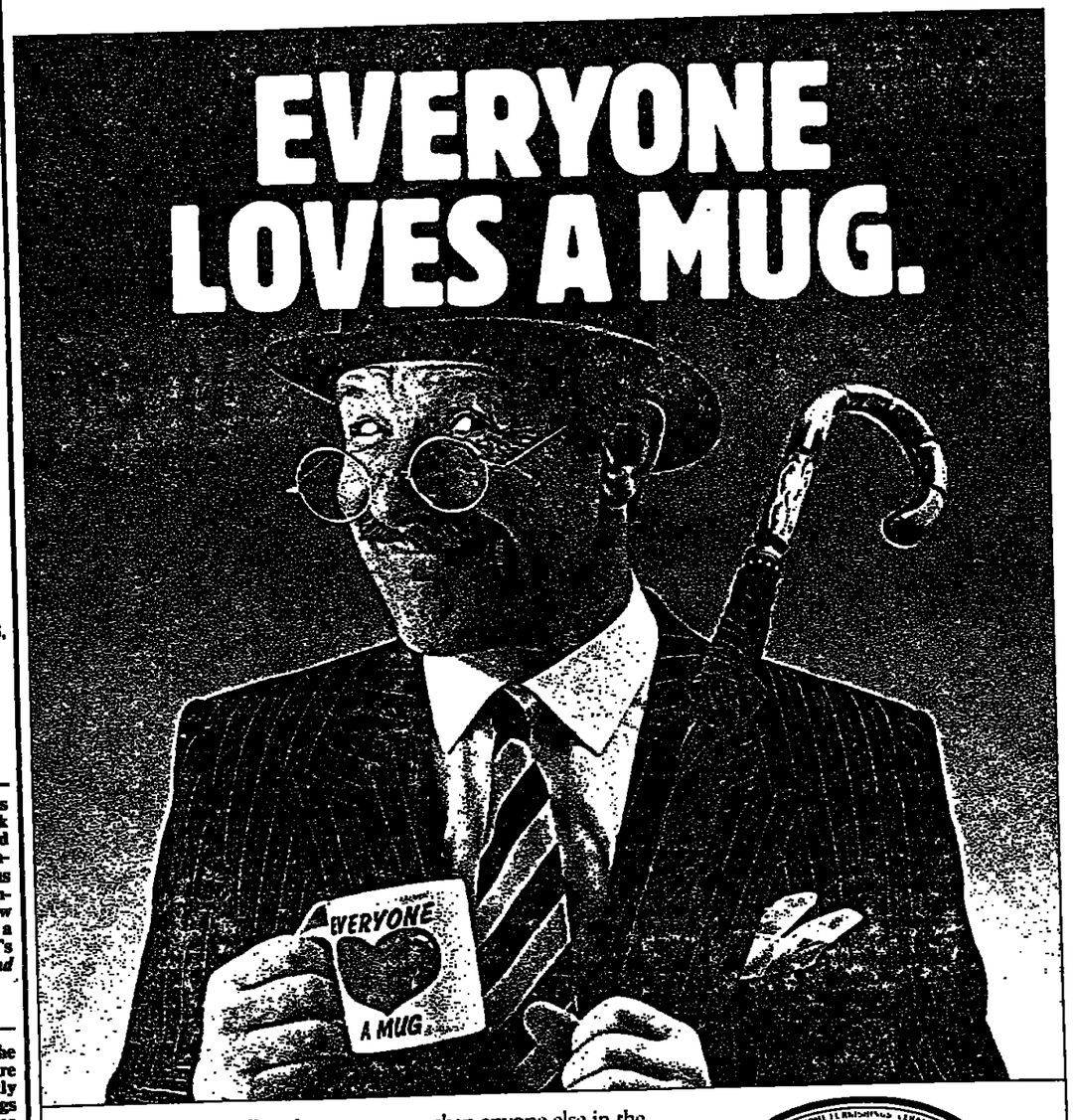


Brief tunics, two-tone stockings and winkle — picker shoes so long that they had to be chained to the knee . . . new evidence has come to light of the conspicuous excess at the court of Richard II. Hugh Hanley, the Buckinghamshire County Archivist, recently came into possession of a late 14th century parchment, 8ft long, which shows the private side of royal magnificence in wardrobe accounts of the young king for an undated 15-month period. The king set an example to his court in ostentatious display. Only one item in the roll, which is described in *History Today*, can be reliably described as royal apparel — a red silk cloak or gown embroidered with angels. But he was generous with gifts of sumptuous embroidery on silks and damasks for ecclesiastics, new coats for castle guards, and a damask cover for his hawk's cage. ***John Crossland***

CONSERVATION



Polar bears in the Beaufort Sea are becoming fatally attracted to oil rigs in winter. The sea moves west at up to 13km per day and rigs create large downstream breaks in the pack ice. These breaks save seals the bother of making breathing holes in the ice; and the seals attract the bears. There are fears that more bears will lose their fear of the rigs, and will be shot when they come aboard. The bear population is already near the limit of sustainable harvest by Inuit hunters. ***Paul Munton***



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LORD ST JOHN OF FAWSLEY

G M. Young, still this country's most consummate guide to the Victorian age, once raised the question as to who was best entitled to the encomium of "The Greatest Victorian". Having considered the claims of George Eliot, Tennyson, Darwin and Ruskin to the position, he dismissed them all in favour of Walter Bagehot. I now provide a little counterpoint: who is the greatest contemporary Churchman? My answer is equally unhesitating, Professor Henry Chadwick.

Regius Professor of Divinity, first at Oxford and then at Cambridge, he is one of the world's leading Patristic scholars, author of a little gem on St Augustine and an ardent and engaged ecumenist. He uses his learning to enlighten rather than entomb. Earlier this week he was honoured at Westminster Abbey by a special evensong followed by the presentation to him of a Festschrift of essays, *Christian Authority*, in the Jerusalem Chamber.

Evensong is surely the most moving of all the Anglican services, with its restrained and understated beauty and its embodiment of the holiness and measure of our national church. The recessional hymn, appropriately enough, was by J.W. Chadwick (1840-1904), a distant connexion, who wrote it for the graduation of the 1864 class of the Harvard Divinity School. Although in *Ancient and Modern*, it was new to me and is felicitously worded: *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way/ guide of the nations from the night profound/ into the glory of the perfect day/ rule in our hearts that we may ever be/ guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.* This is high-class hymnody indeed and ranks with Joseph Addison's "The Spacious Firmament on High", long one of my favourites.

Among Dr Chadwick's many services to the Christian church was saving the papal visit to Britain in 1982. The Falklands war had broken out and a powerful group of Latin American cardinals advised the Pope to cancel his English pilgrimage. Dr Runcie despatched Henry to Rome and their curial eminences were bowled over. After luncheon the Holy Father led him into his private chapel to pray and presented him with a stole, symbol of the priesthood. A personal memory of my own is going into his rooms in Magdalene and finding the bath filled not with coal but with books.

Now Henry is Master of Peterhouse at Cambridge and diffusing rays of Matthew Arnold's much needed "sweetness and light". Such illumination was not the strongest suit of his predecessor, Lord Dacre. I recall listening sympathetically to a litany of his grievances over the Peterhouse governing body, and remarking that surely they must have known when they elected him that he was not the sort of being to be pushed around. No, he said, they didn't, "and it just shows you how provincial Cambridge is". My sympathy evaporated.

Meanwhile, back at the chalkface, Kenneth Baker has just notched up an extraordinary double: he has pacified two groups who appeared set on a major confrontation with him over his Education Reform Bill. The universities have been won over by Mr Baker's self-denying ordinance that he will not seek to direct the affairs of any particular university, and further concessions are to follow on academic freedom and tenure. Furthermore, the *Ecclesia Anglicana* now seems satisfied and the Prime Minister's pin-up, the Bishop of London, was billing and cooing about her Secretary of State on the *Today* programme on Thursday. Religious education is to become some super foundation subject enshrined in a Platonic universal of its own. But what about enforcement?

Down the road at Westminster Cathedral Cardinal Hume remains implacable. He wants the Catholic bishops to have a veto on the proposed opting out of their schools. If Mr Baker can win over the scarlet one he really will be a magician. And he should bear in mind Harold Macmillan's sage advice: never quarrel with the Vatican, the Treasury Knights or the Brigade of Guards.

BARRY FANTONI



'You're right, April 1st isn't until next Friday'

Peacocks, their dread screeching and appetite for wallflowers apart, are ideal pets, friendly, beautiful and amusing. They roost in tall trees, ascending in a strict pecking order, and peahens steal away quietly to have their young without bothering anyone. In the spring they like to play games — running round and round flowering shrubs is a favourite. Their high day delicacy is British railway cake and they enjoy picking out the currants.

Peacocks are highly esteemed in the East where their flesh was thought to be incorruptible. Hence in the West they became symbols of the Eucharist and eternal life and are found over early Christian tombs in the catacombs, a prototypal "wet" identification code.

Mr Disraeli preferred keeping peacocks to shooting pheasants and once described them as "essential concomitants of a terrace". When he died royal protocol forbade Queen Victoria's attendance at the obsequies, but a few days later she drove over to Hughenden to pay him a last obeisance. The tomb was opened and the yet-again-bereaved widow placed a chaplet of china flowers on the coffin. As to the peacocks; practical as ever, she gathered them up and took them off to Windsor, where they lived happily ever after.

Dennis Kavanagh assesses the Labour leadership challenge

Why Benn has no chance

Party leadership contests, like Mr Benn's challenge to head the Labour Party, open the pores of a political party and reveal for all to see that politics is much about self as about policy. And they are not without risk: scars still remain from Edward Heath's defeat at the hands of Mrs Thatcher in 1975.Benn's bruising and deeply divisive challenge for the deputy leadership in 1981 proved disastrous for Labour's election prospects.

The challenge by Benn and Eric Heffer is not that of a young thrusting generation: Heffer is 66, Benn rising 63. Compared to Kinnock, 46, they are yesterday's men. The men of tomorrow — Smith, Gould, Cunningham and Straw - are bystanders. Neither challenger can even get elected to the shadow cabinet; they know they personify so much that Kinnock wants to ditch.

Benn disallows personal ambitions — "it's the ideas that I represent" — but in fact has probably been the most assiduous seeker of office in the PLP's history. He stood for the deputy leadership in 1971 and again in 1981. On Harold Wilson's retirement in 1975 he stood for the leadership but withdrew after the first ballot, having obtained 37 votes. In government in the 1970s he became increasingly isolated and even counter-productive to the causes he advocated.

Heffer is an odd running mate. In contrast to Benn's patrician background, he is a genuine son of the working class and finds Benn's late assumption of proletarian airs disconcerting. As a junior industry minister to Benn in 1974 he was openly dismissive of Benn's conduct. He resigned from the government in 1975, over the EEC, and has not forgotten that Benn stayed in office, stretching Cabinet responsibility to the limit.

Mr Kinnock is right to dismiss the challenge as frivolous in that Benn has no prospect of unseating him. But the Benn-Heffer show will be a gift to the right-wing tabloids and weaken Kinnock at question time in the Commons: because the campaign lasts from now until the October conference, the party leadership will be in limbo. The spectacle of questionable voting methods within the trade unions will be embarrassing. At present the party's policies are so uncertain and its unity so fragile that the last thing it needs is a lengthy election campaign.

That Benn is running at all is a sign of failure. It was he who spearheaded the party's constitutional changes in 1981, to make Labour safe for socialism. Mandatory reselection of MPs and wresting the election of the leader from MPs were part of the left's rampage against a right-wing PLP leadership. By giving power to union and local party activisits the leader would be beholden to the left.

It has not quite worked out like that. At one time the left claimed that Kinnock needed protection against a predominately right-wing shadow cabinet. That argument no longer holds. Kinnock's problem is that he is no longer a new young face with a future. He presided over a bad election defeat in 1987 and many of the problems of policy and image (notably Labour's perceived incompetence and disunity) remain. Since last June Labour MPs' enthusiastic support for him has waned. The mood is one of resignation that he will be around at least until the next election.

Benn and Heffer are forcing the election to "send a message" to Kinnock. Benn's declared platform is to fight for socialism; promote radical policies, and support groups outside Parliament which are fighting Thatcherism. Kinnock, in other words, has failed.

This is not a new assessment. In the last parliament Benn was furious that Kinnock did not support Arthur Scargill and left-wing councils opposed to the Government's rate-capping policy. Indeed he nearly stood against Kinnock in the 1985 election for leader.

The Campaign Group now calculates that a stand has to be made against Kinnock's revisionism. It is a battle of the "hard" versus "soft" left.Benn was appalled by Kinnock's presidential-style election campaign in 1987. He thinks the leader should listen to the activists, not the ad-men.

Kinnock knows that Benn will find support among disillusioned party activists. But he also knows that Labour has to extend its appeal beyond the have-nots, declining trade unions and discontented single-issue groups if it is to be a credible electoral force. He may be consoled that his status has soared whenever he has attacked the "impossibilism" of his left wing.

In spite of an unimpressive ministerial record Tony Benn has been one of the most significant figures in recent British politics. Almost single-handed he managed to renounce his peerage (he succeeded his father as Lord Stansgate) and return to the House of Commons in 1963. Without his efforts Lord Home would not have become prime minister in 1963. After 1971 Benn upset other Labour leaders by successfully campaigning for a referendum in the hope of pulling Britain out of the European Community. Then he led the movement to reform Labour's constitution in 1981 which helped to drive a score of Labour MPs into the SDP. Many Labour MPs would still blame Benn's activities at this time as being crucial in explaining the party's decline.

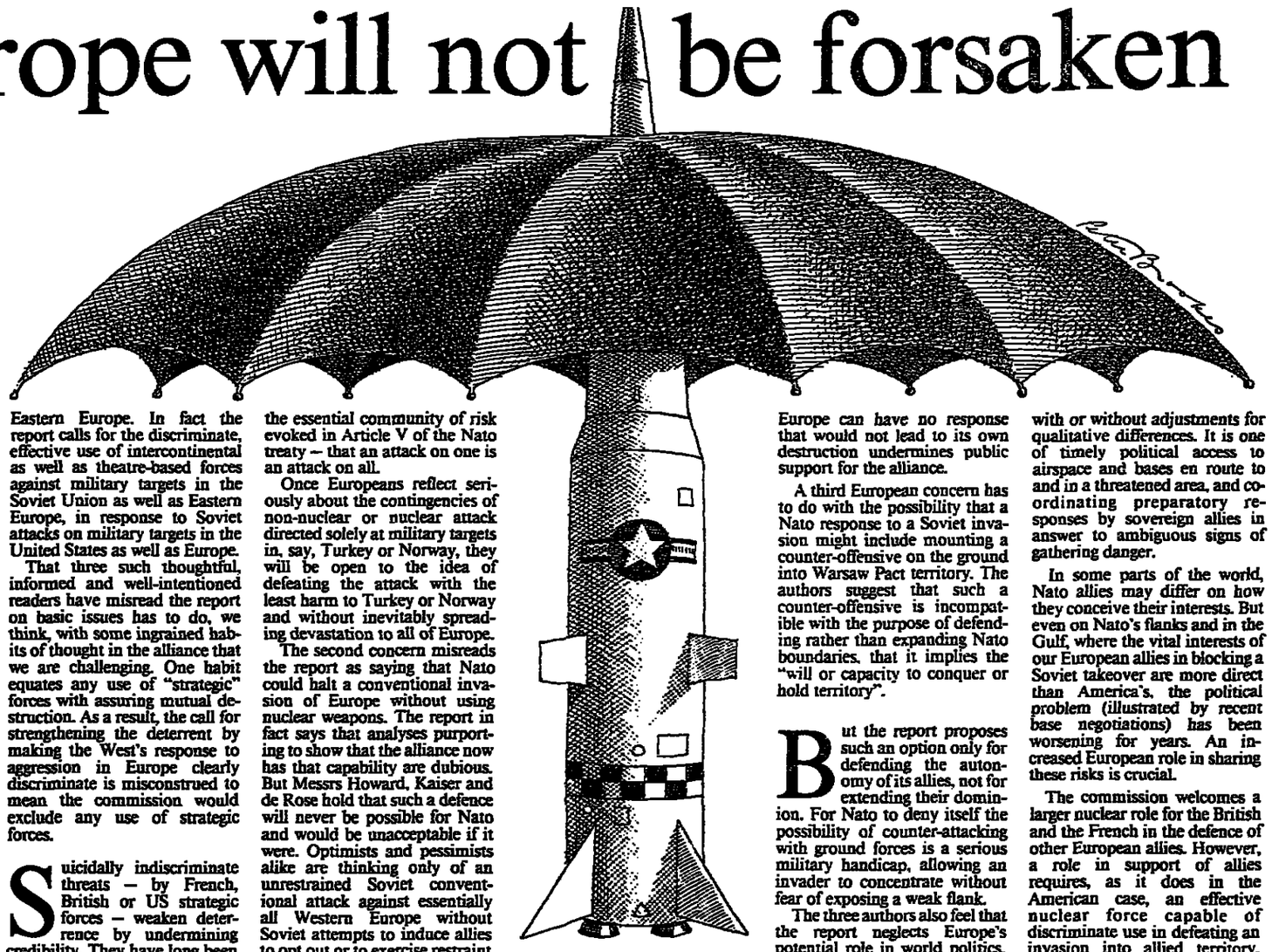
Yet there is a cruel irony in Benn's political career. Having battled to return to the Commons in 1963 he has become increasingly disillusioned with it. Having pioneered the referendum he would now take Britain out of the EEC without holding one. And his reforms of the Labour Party have produced Kinnock as leader.

Like Mrs Thatcher, Benn has become more radical as he grows older. He has also become increasingly frustrated. The coming leadership contest will pit an old man in a hurry against the youthful Kinnock who will try to don the mantle of a weary statesman.

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Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski

Europe will not be forsaken



As preparations begin for the Reagan-Gorbachov summit, three issues dominate the European defence debate: the meaning of nuclear guarantees, the role of conventional force, and the sharing of risks among allies.

Discriminate Deterrence, a report given to President Reagan by the independent, bipartisan Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy, in which we participated, addresses these issues. A response by three eminent Europeans — Michael Howard, Karl Kaiser and François de Rose — endorsed most of its recommendations but called for transatlantic dialogue on others (*The Times*, February 10).

Discriminate Deterrence should reassure Europeans. It stresses the continuing need to deploy US forces forward; the importance of improving Nato conventional forces, in particular by increasing their range and precision; the American nuclear guarantee, not only against nuclear attacks directed solely at a European ally but (in contrast to those who advocate "no first use") also against overwhelming conventional attacks; and, to implement this guarantee, the need for nuclear forces based in Europe (including American ones) as well as for intercontinental nuclear forces.

And while reaffirming the guarantee of all-out response in the extreme contingencies that preoccupy alliance planners, the commission would strengthen it against the plausible Soviet attacks designed to take over rather than destroy Europe, and to take it over piecemeal rather than by wholesale attack: the United States can use improved technologies of control to respond effectively without destroying or inviting the destruction of Western Europe or the United States.

Messrs Howard, Kaiser and de Rose listed several concerns. The first stems from a misunderstanding that to deter an attack on Western Europe the commission advocates relying solely on nuclear forces based in Western Europe aimed at targets in Eastern Europe. In fact the report calls for the discriminate, effective use of intercontinental as well as theatre-based forces against military targets in the Soviet Union as well as Eastern Europe, in response to Soviet attacks on military targets in the United States as well as Europe.

That three such thoughtful, informed and well-intentioned readers have misread the report on basic issues has to do, we think, with some ingrained habits of thought in the alliance that we are challenging. One habit equates any use of "strategic" forces with assuring mutual destruction. As a result, the call for strengthening the deterrent by making the West's response to aggression in Europe clearly discriminate is misconstrued to mean the commission would exclude any use of strategic forces.

Suicidally indiscriminate threats — by French, British or US strategic forces — weaken deterrence by undermining credibility. They have long been associated with attempts to establish a sanctuary separating one's fate from that of allies. But they are unconvincing even for deterring an attack substantially confined to military targets in one's own country.

Another habit of thought that encourages misinterpretation is the focus on a single contingency. When Europeans contemplate a Soviet attack on *all* of Europe or *all* Nato members (not just the centre or a weakly defended flank), they overlook the essential community of risk evoked in Article V of the Nato treaty — that an attack on one is an attack on all.

Once Europeans reflect seriously about the contingencies of non-nuclear or nuclear attack directed solely at military targets in, say, Turkey or Norway, they will be open to the idea of defeating the attack with the least harm to Turkey or Norway and without inevitably spreading devastation to all of Europe.

The second concern misreads the report as saying that Nato could halt a conventional invasion of Europe without using nuclear weapons. The report in fact says that analyses purporting to show that the alliance now has that capability are dubious. But Messrs Howard, Kaiser and de Rose hold that such a defence will never be possible for Nato and would be unacceptable if it were. Optimists and pessimists alike are thinking only of an unrestrained Soviet conventional attack against essentially all Western Europe without Soviet attempts to induce allies to opt out or to exercise restraint in their response.

An irrational Soviet leadership can choose to leave Europe in ruins whatever the Nato strategy. But such a course is far less plausible than a Soviet attack directed at a militarily weak point in the defences of a weakly defended ally — a continuation of Soviet peacetime strategy to divide not only Europe from the US but Europeans from one another. Plausible contingencies call for a Nato strategy in which other European allies and Americans share the risks with the endangered ally in a manner that is effective without being suicidal.

The authors seem to imply that no possible improvement could enable Nato to stop any Soviet invasion anywhere in Europe without Nato using nuclear weapons; and that if Nato did, it could not deter the Soviet use of nuclear weapons. Nato's situation would then be hopeless. But we reject this proposition. The conviction that Europe can have no response that would not lead to its own destruction undermines public support for the alliance.

A third European concern has to do with the possibility that a Nato response to a Soviet invasion might include mounting a counter-offensive on the ground into Warsaw Pact territory. The authors suggest that such a counter-offensive is incompatible with the purpose of defending rather than expanding Nato boundaries, that it implies the "will or capacity to conquer or hold territory".

But the report proposes such an option only for defending the autonomy of its allies, not for extending their dominion. For Nato to deny itself the possibility of counter-attacking with ground forces is a serious military handicap, allowing an invader to concentrate without fear of exposing a weak flank.

The three authors also feel that the report neglects Europe's potential role in world politics. Our commission intends the very opposite — it stresses the need for Europeans to share more of the risks and burdens of protecting the interests we hold in common — some of these, as in the Gulf, lying outside Nato boundaries.

The problem of bringing force to bear in a timely, discriminate way to deter or defeat aggression against our common interests has to do not merely with the familiar "military balances" matching tanks against tanks, with or without adjustments for qualitative differences. It is one of timely political access to airspace and bases en route to and in a threatened area, and co-ordinating preparatory responses by sovereign allies in answer to ambiguous signs of gathering danger.

In some parts of the world, Nato allies may differ on how they conceive their interests. But even on Nato's flanks and in the Gulf, where the vital interests of our European allies in blocking a Soviet takeover are more direct than America's, the political problem (illustrated by recent base negotiations) has been worsening for years. An increased European role in sharing these risks is crucial.

The commission welcomes a larger nuclear role for the British and the French in the defence of other European allies. However, a role in support of allies requires, as it does in the American case, an effective nuclear force capable of discriminate use in defeating an invasion into allied territory. The French and British now have options to move in that direction.

Discriminate deterrence (or the discriminate use of force) will be as necessary for today's Europe of nations and any united Europe of the future as it is for the United States.

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Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Racism in mind

The results of a recent Government-backed study to be published later this year are said to show that black candidates are twice as likely to be refused places at medical school as whites. This is serious enough in itself, but it has other consequences. One is that the relative paucity of black doctors and consultants means that the special problems of members of the ethnic minorities are not likely to be fully understood and sympathetically treated.

They certainly don't seem always to be acknowledged at the moment. For example, for every white Briton compulsorily detained in a mental hospital and diagnosed as schizophrenic there are four black immigrants and 12 British-born Afro-Caribbeans.

One explanation for this, of course, could be a greater propensity to mental illness among black people, who are subject to the same pressures as other disadvantaged and economically deprived groups such as the Irish, the Poles and women. Black Britons have the additional stress of having to adjust to a society in which they have been born and bred but which treats them as aliens. Indeed, some argue that it is precisely this conflict that gives rise to mental illness and to assert that black people are driven "mad" by racism.

It starts on the street with the police. In exercising their powers under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act to take to a place of safety someone who appears to them to be mentally disturbed the police pick up a disproportionate number of blacks. The police assert that they are colour blind, and the mental disability group Mind and doctors agree that they make proper objective assessments.

Blacks disagree. They assert that at best the police pick up blacks who, because they are excitable, exhibitionist and talk loudly, appear frightening and disturbed to whites while being perfectly normal and, at worst, use the Mental Health Act as a subtle way of reintroducing the arrest-on-suspicion "sus" laws.

This is only the beginning of the long path of unconscious and institutional racism that can lead to incarceration in Broadmoor. It often does. There has been more than one mis-diagnosis of mental illness, especially of schizophrenia, and particularly in relation to the Rastafarians. A growing number ofhealth service professionals, white as well as black, insist that the system is racist. Ray Rowden, a health service administrator in London, told me, for example, that there is an "inherent problem of racism in our health care system" in which blacks are considered more likely to be mad, bad and violent than whites.

David Hills, a psychiatrist, said there are hundreds of reasons why people crack up, yet many psychiatrists, faced with something frightening or complex, "wade in with their very simple explanations that they are mentally ill, schizophrenic. They pull out a label and put it on, and that's why more blacks than whites are admitted."

Whether or not this is the case, whether it is true that "whites are frightened of blacks" and so ready to label them as mad, and whatever the truth of his assertion that many admissions to mental hospitals have nothing to do with medicine and a lot to do with social factors, the truth is that, once admitted to hospital, blacks are, yet again, treated worse than whites.

Those in charge expect them to be more aggressive and violent, more difficult and disruptive. So they are treated to drug therapy rather than counselling, and put in secure conditions rather than in open wards, even though recent studies have shown that black offenders referred to psychiatric hospitals were no more likely to have committed crimes of violence than white patients.

Naturally the doctors deny that they are either racist or incompetent, or both. Like the police, they insist that they make objective decisions on the basis of the information that is available to them. They are having to deal with social problems over which they have no control.

Some of their black colleagues disagree, vehemently. The problem they say, resides in the inability of whites to understand a different culture and in their impatience with and insensitivity towards behaviour different from that laid down by the white middle class.

Whatever the cause, there can be no doubt about the need for more black police officers, social workers, psychiatrists and doctors who understand the mores of black people and the pressures they are under. If we don't take action over the discrimination against black medical students and ensure that there are more black doctors in our hospitals, one consequence could be that even more wrongly diagnosed black patients will be dumped in psychiatric wards.

SCIENCE REPORT

Life's limits

Washington

How long people live is more directly determined by how long their parents lived than on their family environment. This conclusion comes from a study of human longevity appearing in yesterday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Teasing apart the different influences of genetics and environment on lifespan is not easy. Identical twins reared separately provide one opportunity. Another approach is to study people adopted as children to see whether their longevity is related to that of their biological parents or their adoptive parents.

A team of Danish researchers headed by Dr Thorkild I.A. Sorensen has taken the second course. The researchers drew their study subjects from the remarkable Danish Adoption Register, which contains records of all formal adoptions in Denmark between 1924 and 1947.

Sorensen and his colleagues chose 1,003 adopted people born between 1924 and 1926, 93 per cent of whom were placed in their new homes before the age of three. Information on cause of death was taken from official death certificates.

The results support the conclusion that "premature death in adults has a strong genetic background". For those with a biological parent dying before the age of 50, there seems a significantly increased likelihood of premature death from similar causes. There was no such increased likelihood of premature death related to the age of adoptive parents.



David Hart

The relative risk of death seems to vary with the disease that causes it. For example, children of biological parents who have died from an infection or cardiovascular disease seem to have a higher mortality rate than those whose biological parents died from natural causes, or from cancer. Indeed, the mortality rate from cancer seems more closely related to the lifespan of the adoptive parents.

The Danish researchers urge caution in generalizing from their study. They point out that it is based solely on the Danish population, whose ethnic diversity is limited and whose cultural background and living conditions are quite uniform. It is also possible that adoptive families may not be representative of the population, and that adopted children may be treated differently from biological children, causing a bias in the results.

Nevertheless, the study provides convincing evidence of the importance of genetic factors in susceptibility to diseases. It is also a basis for understanding why the same disease appears to affect people differently. There have already been tantalizing hints that genetic factors may help to explain why some people infected with the virus causing Aids fail to show clinical signs of the condition.

The failure to find a genetic predisposition to cancer is not surprising. Although some relatively rare forms of cancer are known to be inherited, occupational exposure to cancer-causing chemicals, diet and other environmental factors are probably more important.

It is more surprising that the Danish study indicates predominantly genetic influences on mortality from heart disease. Roger Williams of the University of Utah cardiovascular genetics research group says dietary fat, sodium intake and smoking are also known risk factors. Eating and smoking habits are easily transmitted from parent to child. While genetic factors, once inherited, are unavoidable, behavioural patterns can sometimes be changed for a healthier life.

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A CHALLENGE AND A CHANCE

The decision by Mr Benn and Mr Heffer could not have happened at a better time for Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley than this autumn — unless it had come last autumn. If the leadership challenge had to come at all, the sooner in the present Parliament the better, from the point of view of the incumbents.

They are making it clear, of course, that they would rather not have been challenged. They look on the coming contest as an embarrassing diversion from the main business of attacking Mrs Thatcher. But there is an error — or at least some hypocrisy here. The threatened contest could be an excellent opportunity.

Labour politicians aspiring to the status of a national figure tend to achieve that status mainly by being seen to stand up to, and preferably beat, much of their own side. Although some of them take it to excess and manage to eject themselves, or be ejected, from the party (MacDonald, Dr Owen, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead), the success of Mr Gaitskell in this regard remains a seductive model for Mr Kinnock.

Gaitskell made an impression on the national consciousness, not by his denunciations in the 1959 election of the alleged materialism and selfishness of Macmillan's Britain, but by what he said about his own party's nationalizers and unilateralists after it. The 1987 election was Mr Kinnock's 1959.

Both Gaitskell and Mr Kinnock fought election campaigns which depicted as selfish what were in fact the reasonable material aspirations of the British people, including many who had voted Labour in the past. During the election, each man was identified with the by then discredited notion of nationalization, which the 1950s Labour Party sought to disguise by calling it "public ownership", and the 1980s party by calling it "social ownership". Mr Kinnock bore the additional burden of being identified with a worrying defence policy.

In both cases, once the election was over, the leader sought to change the policy on public ownership and defence. By the time of his death in 1963, Gaitskell was ahead in the opinion polls, his party had gained seats in by-elections, and he was taken seriously as the possible next Prime Minister.

Mr Kinnock understands all this. If his rivals can be comprehensively beaten (and that means their getting less than 20 per cent of the vote) he can hope to be left in a stronger position with the electorate than he was before. Mr Hattersley understands it even better. He entered Parliament in 1964 as a young keeper of the Gaitskellite flame. But are they brave enough to do what Gaitskell did?

Admittedly, Gaitskell did not have to deal with an electoral college, a leadership campaign lasting six months, and all the other destructive paraphernalia of the present Labour Party. But if he had, the evidence of his character suggests that he would have fought the left head-on just as he did at successive party conferences.

Certainly, Mr Kinnock knows the value of denouncing unpopular left-wingers. His 1985 conference attack on the Liverpudlian demogogue, Mr Hatton, was a set-piece in *Neil Kinnock* — the admired and notorious 1987 election campaign broadcast designed to show that he had the right stuff to be Prime Minister.

Mr Kinnock, in his own interests, and in the interests of all who want to see an Opposition capable of being elected to Government, should now denounce Mr Benn and Mr Heffer as standing for a ruinous economic doctrine and a dangerous foreign policy. Instead, Mr Kinnock looks like confining himself to complaints that Mr Benn and Mr Heffer are splitting the party.

But if he did go further, engage his adversaries in ideological debate, and depict himself as the moderate, would it be enough to persuade voters that he could be left in charge of a Government? There is the snag for Mr Kinnock. For much of his life, he himself believed in the things for which he would be upbraiding Mr Benn and Mr Heffer. A majority of the voters probably sense this.

It may be too late for him to change his tone now. But this contest gives him the chance to do so. Otherwise, the electorate may draw the conclusion that the crucial difference between Mr Kinnock and that other two is that he managed to get himself elected leader of the party and has to lead it at general elections.

MR BAKER MEETS THE BISHOPS

Religion has a unique place in the educational curriculum, and the Government has never tried to deny it. The announcement that the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker, is now willing to see the Education Reform Bill amended in the direction urged on him by church leaders is therefore not exactly a conversion. It is none the less a wise symbolic move.

Mr Baker appears to have decided that his important programme of education reform will be the better launched, the fewer enemies it has; and he can have no great interest in prolonging a quarrel with groups and interests which could be useful allies. His only mistake, in the beginning, was to commit himself a little too strongly not to give way to the churchmen's pressure, which puts his concession now into the political category of a U-turn. But it will not do him any harm, and the episode is an interesting lesson in how politically persuasive the churches can still be when they put their minds to it.

The position Mr Baker inherited is one where religious education, called in the 1944 Act religious instruction, is the only subject in the entire curriculum that schools are obliged to teach by law. It was the very prototype of the sort of core or foundation subjects that the Bill will make obligatory; but it was not to have that label itself. Instead it would continue with the special status given it in the earlier Act, reinforced by some general words in the Bill's preamble emphasizing the place of the spiritual dimension in education as a whole. The churches maintained that was not nearly good enough.

It was an argument largely about symbols, but in this case very significant ones. Educational resources in time, staff and money are always finite; and in the continual debate over priorities, religious education has found itself short of friends. The churches claimed that the enhancement of the status of other subjects would have led to the lowering of the status of this one. Mr Baker has acknowledged their fear, though without necessarily agreeing it was well founded. To put the matter beyond doubt, he has now agreed to install religious education in the Bill as the first among equals, as part of the basic curriculum but given precedence "before the core and foundation subjects."

That issue concerned all schools, not just those under direct church sponsorship. He has yet to satisfy the church completely over the way some of the Bill's provisions will affect the control and character of church schools. But it is clear that here is a coming together of minds. A sympathetic attitude from him towards the church educational establishments, which run a large and influential sector of the total system, should encourage them to see the Bill more positively, and to respond to the many opportunities it offers them.

Many Church of England and Roman Catholic schools already represent the standards and principles the Government wants to see encouraged more generally. They are symbols of the principles of parental choice, and of education being in accordance with parental wishes.

The Government has expressed its concern more than once recently that economic and political policies cannot by themselves, even if they are the right ones, deliver all the ingredients of a good and civilized society. Questions of values, belief and moral conduct are no less significant. Because schools are vital to the formation of these qualities, the Education Reform Bill is bound to be one of the most important enactments of this Government; and it is all the better for having at last found the right slot into which to fit religion.

ARMISTICE IN NICARAGUA

The ceasefire agreement signed in Nicaragua, falls well short of a regional panacea. But it remains the most solid achievment of the peace process so far and deserves the blessing of the Western powers. This week's truce between the Marxist Government in Managua and the (estimated) 12,000 Contra insurgents, will now be maintained until April 1, when it will be replaced by a 60-day ceasefire and a dialogue to negotiate long-term peace.

It is hardly a victory for the battling Contras. Following a series of military and political reverses, however, the deal is far better than nothing.

Two earlier rounds of talks had broken down because of the Sandinistas' refusal to negotiate anything more than a ceasefire — which would have meant little more than a Contra surrender. This remained their position at the start of this week's talks, the first to be held on Nicaraguan soil. Within three days, however, they have accepted a compromise package with a number of apparent political concessions.

These include a commitment to free political prisoners; an unconditional offer to all dissidents living in self-imposed exile to return unmolested to Nicaragua; and guarantees on freedom of expression (including a free press). Former National Guardsmen of the late President Somoza, the dictator who was overthrown by the Sandinistas in 1979, will be among those released — and the whole operation will be monitored by observers from the Organization of American States.

The compromise is something of a triumph for President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica, whose peace plan for the region was signed last year by the governments of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras. It takes its place within the fragile framework of that gingerly engineered scheme — which subsequently won the Nobel Peace Prize for its author.

But it also reflects the realities of a struggle which has threatened both sides with disaster. For President Manuel Ortega it heralds the end of a long-running war which has devastated much of the country and helped to bankrupt its economy. For the Contras it offers escape from a deteriorating situation which has left them little hope of total victory. A recent string of successes for the government troops, together with the refusal of Congress to grant any more aid, has left them with diminishing options. For the White House too, the prospect of a negotiated peace, at least avoids further embarrasment over a Latin-American policy which has been unpopular on the Hill and has sharply divided American public opinion.

It is worth remembering, however, that the Sandinistas have came this far with great reluctance. Critics of the White House should consider the question whether they would have come to terms at all without being goaded by the Contras, backed by Washington. A sceptical watch must be kept to see that Mr Ortega keeps to his commitments. Although it should by no means be assumed that a solution to the Nicaraguan crisis has been found, the Americans can derive some satisfaction from the reforms agreed so far and should lead the OAS and others in trying to ensure that President Ortega does not lose interest in reform once the military threat to his Government has been lifted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Role of media in face of violence

From the Chairman of the Association of British Editors

Sir, The handing over by the BBC and ITN (report March 24) of their untransmitted film of last Saturday's horrific attack on the two soldiers in Belfast may have resolved the problem for the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but it will have added to the difficulties of those who have to report on events in Northern Ireland and other dangerous parts of the world.

The principle of not making immediately available film, reporters' notebooks and other material to anyone who asks for it has been established over a number of years, and the Association of British Editors, whose members come from all parts of the media, has drawn up guidelines which emphasise its importance, while also recognising that any hesitation or apparent reluctance on the part of editors to comply immediately with any request for the release of material under their control may be open to misinterpretation, as I believe it has been in this case.

We do not claim in any way to be above or apart from the law, but in reporting incidents of violence cameramen and reporters cannot act as an ordinary citizen would. In a riot the sensible law-abiding citizen would do his best to get out of the way.

TV cameramen and press photographers and reporters, on the other hand, have to stay to record the event for the rest of us to see, and in doing so inevitably expose themselves to danger. When people are photographed in acts of violence it is not unusual for them to turn on the person recording their activity, especially if it is suspected that the material may be used against them.

The cameramen in Belfast took this risk, and we were able to see what went on as a result of their bravery. Newsmen will not complain about the risks involved in reporting the news, which is part of their job and is also in the public interest. But if we want this tradition of reporting to continue we must strive to minimise the risk.

This is why we advise editors to exercise discretion in handing over material and generally to insist that the due process of law is used. We believe that the final decision should rest with the courts rather than with the police or editors.

That seems to us to be in the interests of justice and to provide some measure of protection for cameramen and journalists in such hazardous circumstances.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BISHOP (Chairman,
Association of British Editors),
The Illustrated London News,
20 Upper Ground, SE1.
March 23.

Control of funerals

From the Reverend C. Taylor

Sir, To all who have witnessed, with any degree of objectivity, the horrific events of recent days in Northern Ireland it will be quite clear that the rites of Christian burial are being so completely manipulated that political and sectarian demonstrations have come to eclipse totally the funeral office itself.

Decisions as to how these occasions are policed must be left with the proper civilian and uniformed authorities. But surely it is now high time that the leaders of the Christian churches decided whether it is proper for such demonstrations to be linked to a funeral service at all.

This, I appreciate, will not always be easy to answer. The funeral service is a "pastoral office", enabling ministry to the grief not only of individuals but also of communities.

Nor would one wish to suggest that Christian burial rites be offered only to those judged to be "innocent". We approach God, not by the weighing of our merits, but by the pardoning of our offences; and when it comes to judgement each and every one of us may plead nothing but "Lord, have mercy".

However, it may surely be said that the cynical manipulation of grief by extremists creates an atmosphere which is conducive neither to prayer nor to the pastoral care of the bereaved; and therefore that the leaders of all the churches should unite in forbidding the conduct of any funeral service which is likely to be so manipulated unless reliable assurances are given to the contrary.

This may not, of course, prevent the mob gathering at some other place; nor hinder the likes of Messrs Adams and Paisley from performing their self-promoting role of professional mourner at some other time. But at least it would be clear to all that any violence and hatred they inspire bear no relation to the rites of Christian burial, Roman Catholic or Protestant.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES TAYLOR,
St Luke's Vicarage,
Mildmay Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.
March 21.

Verdict on Budget

From Mr David Winnick, MP for Walsall North (Labour)

Sir, So your columnist, Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Commentary, March 18), considers that the elderly who won't be receiving any assistance with their rates bill from next month, because they have savings in excess of £6,000, should be proud of not being dependent any longer on the State (March 18).

Many more, of course, with savings of between £3,000-£6,000, will be losing part of their housing benefit, and all this after a Budget which has given 40 per cent of all the tax concessions and benefits to the richest 5 per cent.

I well remember the campaigning in the early 60s to provide the retired on limited incomes with some help towards the payment of rates, and now those who have saved throughout their lifetime relatively modest sums are to be penalised. I somehow doubt if the victims of the Social Security Act will take the same attitude as Mr Kilroy-Silk to the reduction in benefit.

Will he also soon be praising the new arrangements in the same Bill whereby the poorest on income support (which is to replace supplementary benefit) will in the main no longer be able to receive a single payment for essential bedding, furniture and clothing, but will be considered for a loan based on a cash limited social fund?

Yours etc,
DAVID WINNICK,
House of Commons.

Mining on the moor

From Mr Oswin Craster

Sir, You report (March 8) the proposed coalmining on Wandylaw, in north Northumberland. I should like to add that the surface of this moor is largely unaltered since prehistoric times, as evinced by the cup-marked stones dating from the Bronze Age.

These are scheduled under the Ancient Monuments Acts, and are to be in a fenced-off enclosure between two areas of mining. Such treatment makes a nonsense of current archaeological thinking that monuments should be preserved in their setting.

Wandylaw is part of the fell-sandstone moorland stretching from North Charlton to Chillingham, containing the Iron Age hill fort of Ros Castle (purchased by public subscription and given to the National Trust as a memorial to Lord Grey of Fallodon) as well as extensive cairn cemeteries.

From the site there is a magnificent panorama of the Cheviot, Ros Castle and the coast from Holy Island to Dunstanburgh, including Bamburgh and the Farne Islands. These all attract the tourist. What a disaster to spoil it!

It now needs a miracle to save the situation; but we should not despair. Reginald of Durham records the Miracles of Farne in the 12th century ascribed to the agency of St Cuthbert. Nearly all these occurred within a 10-mile radius of Farne, including Ellingham, within which parish Wandylaw lies.

Yours faithfully,
OSWIN CRASTER,
Craster West House,
Alnwick, Northumberland.

Safety of art gifts

From Mr Denys Sutton

Sir, Readers of Miss Checkland's "Artfile" (March 17) will have been distressed to learn that Sir Denis Mahon, "frightened by plans to introduce deacession" in the national galleries is again contemplating changing his mind about leaving some of his pictures to institutions in this country. He should not be discouraged: a solution is to hand for safeguarding his bequest.

Let me explain. Some years ago my wife and I had the good fortune to meet in Venice a charming elderly couple, Francis Hock, an Austrian born merchant banker who had spent most of his life in the City, and his wife Renée. They had reluctantly retired to Switzerland, but such was their affection for Britain that they were anxious that the finest of their cherished possessions should enter a museum here: however, they did entertain a few reservations.

I told them that I was a member of the executive committee of the National Art-Collections Fund and that the fund could offer them (as indeed others with the same misgiving) a "service". If they bequeathed their gifts to a museum through us, we would as a matter of course secure from the institution in question a cast-iron guarantee that they would never be sold.

Mr and Mrs Hock and their lawyers were satisfied by this arrangement, and their pictures will soon grace the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. If Denis Mahon follows their example he can sleep in peace.

Sir Denis is quite right to join many of us in fighting against the foolish proposal to empower the national galleries to dispose of their "surplus stock" (however this may be defined). We can only trust that the trustees and directors of the museums concerned will adopt a more aggressive attitude than hitherto.

Members of Parliament should be brought to the galleries and made to realise the possible consequences of such legislation if it were to be enacted. Perhaps we at the NACF should take a lead in stimulating this form of action. Forward to battle should be the clarion call!

Yours faithfully,
DENYS SUTTON,
22 Chelsea Park Gardens, SW3.
March 21.

Cost of a bite

From Mr H. M. Bowling, BDS

Sir, Clement Freud (March 14) equates the cost of having his tooth removed with that of a lunch for two in the West End.

As I am paid £4.40 for removing a tooth in the National Health Service I would be gratified to learn the name of the restaurant.

Yours faithfully,
H. MALCOLM BOWLING,
85 Guildhall Street,
Bury St Edmunds,
Suffolk.
March 15.

Liberty of expression in book trade

From Mr Robert Maxwell

Sir, Suppose I suggested in a book that Bernard Levin (article, March 20) was a plagiarist, a thief of copyright, was perpetually in an alcholic stupor, beat his wife, his mother and his mistress, bore several convictions for fraud, was a frequent visitor to Colonel Gadaffi and a secret sympathiser with the IRA and generally behaved in such a way as to make Genghis Khan appear to be a pacifist, Baron Munchausen a man of truth and Horatio Bottomley a man of honour.

Suppose I further published that book protesting, hand on heart, that every word was true and that I was prepared to justify them. Suppose, further, that Mr Levin, indignantly, took action to defend his reputation by resorting to the libel laws which, though manifestly unfair in their availability, are nonetheless the only libel laws we have.

Suppose all those things, would not Mr Levin feel aggrieved that his denials of the calumnies I had uttered against him were ignored by both the authors and publishers of the book and the booksellers, who preferred to profit from the lies? Would Mr Levin then applaud booksellers for "standing firm for liberty of expression"?

Mr Levin was clearly unaware at the time of writing his article that the authors and publishers of one of the books about me which he stoutly defends had already admitted to some thirty libels — very different in kind to those which I have imaginatively cast against him, but little different in their seriousness — were to tender their apologies in open court, had agreed to pay my legal costs as well as substantial damages, and had promised to recall from booksellers for pulping all copies of their book which remain unsold. He was also clearly unaware that Blackwell's whose firmness he lauded had joined the authors, publishers and printers in tendering their apologies.

Mr Levin may be right in saying that the law as it applies to booksellers should be changed. Meanwhile, I have to use the law as it stands, not as Mr Levin wishes it was.

I agree with Mr Levin that booksellers have a duty to purvey controversial books. But nothing in the philosophy of liberty gives them a right or a duty to purvey lying ones.

I have acted against the two purported biographies of me only because I am satisfied that they libel me. Today's admissions in open court justify my resorting to the law. They may also, though I have no great hopes of it, lead Mr Levin to agree that he was both hasty and wrong and that the flag to which he was rallying was the flag of deceit and untruth.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT MAXWELL, Publisher,
Mirror Group Newspapers,
Holborn Circus, EC1.
March 24.

From the President of the Booksellers Association of Great Britain and Ireland

Sir, As so often, in his article on Mr Maxwell's writs, Mr Bernard Levin has gone to the heart of the matter.

The law, which enables plaintiffs to join distributors as defendants in actions for libel, is iniquitously unfair to booksellers; who, on learning that a book in their stock is an occasion for a writ, are faced with a dilemma. If they are to take the precaution of removing it from sale to avoid liability, the litigant is handed a very easy way of suppressing any allegations, even if they are true, which are unwelcome to him. This gives him the full power of a censor.

If, on the other hand, booksellers ignore the threat and are joined in an action, they are not in a position to produce a defence of justification, because they will not have access to the information which has led the author to make and the publisher to publish any defamatory statements complained of.

Mr Levin is right in suggesting that the law should be changed, and may be interested to know that as a result of the Maxwell affair this Association is already looking at the practicability of achieving an appropriate amendment.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HYAMS, President,
The Booksellers Association of
Great Britain & Ireland,
154 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
March 22.

Attitudes to training

From the Director of the Institute of Supervisory Management

Sir, The National Institute of Economic and Social Research has found shortcomings in British supervisory training (report, early editions, March 14).

The problem stems directly from the attitude of middle management, who see training as an intrusion into the productive time of their sueprvisors and, even where training is agreed, it is expected to be acquired on a no-cost basis.

There are, of course, exceptions. Jaguar and British Gas, for example, have excellent and comprehensive training programmes but, by and large, the idea that the best foreman is one who has learned his skill and knowledge in the "school of hard knocks" still predominates.

The idea of an unqualified foreman is perceived to have many advantages: he has no professional status, he is not seen as part of the management team and consequently is more easily replaced.

Until these attitudes are altered then this country will not see the rapid expansion in management training necessary to meet our European and international competitors.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON ALDERSON, Director,
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Management,
22 Bore Street,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.
March 16.

Wrong animal

From Mr G. Price

Sir, Headhamster/Headmaster Alan Maddocks's letter (March 21) prompts me to report the reference to a "haddock-stirring committee" that a secretary of French origin recently produced when transcribing a memorandum from tape.

What had actually been dictated was "an *ad hoc* steering committee".

Yours faithfully,
G. PRICE,
Dorglwyd, Comins Coch,
Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 25 1918

One French scientist pointed out that the shells described below possessed a small explosive power, and were therefore not very effective from the German point of view. "... Their object", he stated, "in shelling Paris is moral rather than material"

PARIS SHELLED.

BOMBARDMENT FROM OVER 70 MILES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, March 24.

Paris has had a lively week-end. An air warning brought people out of their beds on Friday night and on Saturday morning *at half-past seven o'clock arrived the first shell of a gun* which until half-past two bombarded the capital at intervals of about 20 minutes from a point in the German lines some 75 miles away.

Three shells had fallen before the wailing of the air-raid siren told the Parisians that they had better go to their cellars ... The long interval between each explosion, however, seemed unaccountable, and as the day wore on the mystery deepened, for the public at any rate. Those in authority, however, on fragmentary evidence picked up at points of explosion, soon had to recognize the existence of some new kind of gun or some new explosive or some fresh method of propulsion ...

By half-past 2 the enemy gun had ceased firing; but the alarms and excursions of the day were not over, for at 8.42 p.m. enemy aeroplanes crossed the French line, and the air raid alarm was given in Paris 10 minutes later. The enemy aeroplanes bombarded several spots in the rear of the front, but did not reach the Paris region, and the "All clear" signal went merrily through the streets at 10.10 p.m.

ATTITUDE OF THE PUBLIC.

Paris has supported this series of trials to its nervous system with great fortitude, as well as with discretion. It is realized that if Paris is to join, even in a much lesser degree, the ranks of the martyred cities, various steps will have to be taken for the future. Yesterday the surprise itself was quite sufficient to account for the disorganization of public transport and the consequent inability of the shops and big business institutions to carry on business. ... There is talk of evacuating the aged and young, but, judging from the general aspect of the streets of Paris, public opinion is by no means ready for any such drastic measure ... The general attitude seems to be that while it is necessary to go into cellars for air raids, it is impossible, if Paris is to be bombarded regularly day by day, to spend the whole of one's time underground ...

M. Charles Nordmann, a scientific writer in the *Matin*, states that one of the splinters of the shell picked up by a friend shows that the shell is "rifled" not only on the familiar band of copper close to the base, but upon the greater length of the shell itself, which would, on the one hand, overcome much of the resistance which the shell meets when it leaves the gun, and, on the other hand, give to it the greater precision necessary for very long-range fire ...

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 24: The Queen arrived at Royal Leamington Spa Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Mr Charles Smith-Ryland) and the chairman of Wawrwickshire County Council (Mr H.W. De'ath).

Subsequently, Her Majesty was received at the Royal Priors Shopping Centre by the Chairman of Warwick District Council (Mr J.S. Hammon), opened the Centre, unveiled a sculpture and commemorative plaque, and toured the Centre.

Afterwards at the Regent Hotel, The Queen met six young people nominated by their schools for their courage and community spirit.

At the Town Hall (Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa, Mr B.S. Dhesi), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen, Colonen-in-Chief, this afternoon visited the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at the Central Ammunitin Depot, Kineton.

Having been received by the Representative Colonel Commandant (Major-General M. Callan) and the Director General of Ordnance Services (Major-General G.B. Berragan), Her Majesty honoured the Representative Colonel Commandant with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

The Queen later visited the Army School of Ammunition and was received by the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel D.W. Townsend).

The Lady Farnham, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Natinal Federation of Housing Associations and the Maritime Trust this morning visited Portsmouth and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenantn for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt).

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Harrison Housing Scheme (Chairman, Portsmouth Rotary Housing Association, Mr John Lindsey) and the Portsmouth Housing Association (Chairman, Mr Christopher Jenkins).

The Duke of Edinburgh later presented the Maritime Heritage Medal to Sir John Smith on board HMS Warrior (1860) (Captain Colin Allen, RN), and afterwards visited the D-Day Museum.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Brian McGrath, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duchess of York this evening attended the Cookery and Food Associaton Banquet and Ball at the Marriott Hotel, London W1, and was received by the President of the Associaton (Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening).

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening attended the first Annual Dinner of the Saudi British Society at the Café Royal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Associaton, this morning attended a Council Meeting of the Associaton at Saddlers' Hall, London EC2.

Her Royal Highenss this afternoon opened an exhibition of drawings by Canadian children at Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1, and was received by His Excellency Mr Roy McMurtry (High Commissioner for Canada).

The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, this evening visited the Bognor Regis Combined Cadet Division training evening at South Bursted Church Hall, Bursted Street, Bognor Regis, East Sussex.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Brigadier Shirley Nield (Director, Women's Royal Army Corps) at the Memorial Service for Dame Leslie Whateley (formerly Director, Auxiliary Territorial Service) which was held in the Parish Church of St John at Hampstead this evening.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the new Wing at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial service for Sir Douglas Logan which was held in the Temple Church this evening.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 24: The Prince of Wales, President, the Royal Naval Film Corporation, this morning attended the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation at HMS St Vincent, 37, Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, the British Sub Aqua Club, and The Prince of Wales's Advisory Group on Disability, this afternoon presented Snorkelling Proficiency Certificates to handicapped members of the Guillemot Branch of the British Sub Aqua Club at the Central YMCA, 112, Great Russell Street, London WC1.

Mr Humphrey Mews was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the ChildLine offices at Faraday Building, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4.

Mrs Max Pike and Commander Richard Aylard, R.N. were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, Past President of the Royal Air Forces Association, will attend the annual service of thanksgiving at St Clement Danes, Strand, at 11.00 to commemorate the formation of the RAF; and will visit the Calne Project in Wiltshire at 2.30.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the Guinness Trust, will visit Boyd Court, Downshire Way, Bracknell, at 10.30.

Prince Edward will attend the mayor's banquet and ball given by the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead at the School Hall, Eton College, at 7.35.

The Princess Royal will visit Monkscroft Primary School, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, at 9.10; and Benhall Primary School at 10.00; she will open Royal Court, Fiddlers Green Lane, Cheltenham, a development for frail elderly people, at 10.40; and the St Hilda Project, Matson Community Centre, Gloucester, at 11.30. Later, she will attend a performance by the Red Army Song and Dance Ensemble at the Albert Hall at 7.00 in aid of the National Autistic Society.

Princess Margaret, Patron of the *Northern Ballet Theatre*, will attend a gala performance at the Theatre Royal, Bath, at 7.55.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will open the first covered tennis centre of the Lawn Tennis Association's "Indoor Tennis Initiative" at Batchwood Indoor Tennis Centre at 11.50. Later they will attend a service of thanksgiving to mark the bicentenary of the founding of the first Masonic School for Girls at St Albans Abbey at 2.50.

Birthdays today

Sir Brian Bailey, chairman, Health Education Authority, 65; Mr Humphrey Burton, television producer, 57; Professor Sir Raymond Firth, anthropologist, 87; Professor Sir Patrick Forrest, surgeon, 65; Miss Aretha Franklin, singer, 46; Mrs Penelope Gilliatt, writer, 56; General Sir James Glover, 59; Mr David Hicks, interior designer and author, 59; Professor Sir Norman Jeffcoate, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 81; Lord Jessel, 84; Mr Elton John, singer, 41; Sir David Lean, film director, 80; Sir Bernard Miller, former chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 84; Mr Leif Mills, trades unionist, 52; Mr Peter Orchard, chairman, De La Rue Company, 61; Lord Quinton, 63; Mr A.J.P. Taylor, historian, 82; Mr Peter Walker, MP, 56; Sir Frank Young, former Master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 80.

Memorial services

Dame Leslie Whateley
The Queen was represented by Brigadier Shirley Nield at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Dame Leslie Whateley held yesterday at Hampstead Parish Church. The Rev Philip Buckler officiated.

Dame Mary Tyrwhitt read the lesson and Mrs Helvi Sipilä gave an address. Dr Odile Bonte, Chairman of the World Committee of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and Miss Ellen Clark, Director of the World Bureau, were among those present.

Mr R. Vestey
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ronald Vestey was held yesterday in St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Suffolk. The Very Rev Raymond Furnell, Provost, officiated and gave an address. Mr Edmund Vestey, son, read the lesson and the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich pronounced the blessing.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Cleopa David Msuya, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Planning of Tanzania.

Anglo-Yugoslav Trade Council
Mr J.N. Cooper, Chairman of the UK side of the Anglo-Yugoslav Trade Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Bakers' Hall in honour of Mr Veselin Djuranovic, Member of the Presidency of Yugoslavia. Among those present were:
The Yugoslav Ambassador, HM Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Mr Dusan Sirbac, Mr P Milic, Mr A St J H Pigeis, Mr K W N George and Mr R T Kemp.

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Mr Ian Todd, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college Mr A.W. Hartwell, Mr R. Horrocks, Professor Miles Irving, Mr Peter Lord and Professor David Gadian.

Manchester Luncheon Club
Sir William Downward was the guest speaker at a luncheon given by the Manchester Luncheon Club at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, yesterday. Mr S. Crilly, presided, was in the chair.

Marriage

Mr E.R.P. Wilson and Mejuffrouw W.C. de Zeeuw
The marriage took place in Cape Town on March 9, of Mr Reid Wilson to Mejuffrouw Wilhelmina (Miepo) de Zeeuw.

A reception was held at Sherwood House.

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House last night Masters, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff of City Livery Companies and their ladies, Aldermen, Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner, Members of the Court of Common Council and High Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts. The speakers were the Lord Mayor and the Masters of the Mercers' and Grocers' Companies. The guests included:
Sir Edward and Lady Howard, Sir Robert and Lady Bellinger, Sir Murray Fox, Miss C H Fox and Clerks of the "Great Twelve" livery companies and their ladies.

University College London
Sir Peter Matthews, Chairman of the Council, presided at a dinner held last night at University College London for the Main Committee of the University Grants Committee. Among those present were:
Lord Flowers (vice-chancellor, London University), Sir James Lighthill (provost), Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Sir Robert Clayton, Professors E W Abel, Gillian Brown, K M Campbell, T A Douglas, K Entwistle, P R G Layard, R M Needham, M J O'Hara, J Sizer and R Whittlesbury, Mr N T Hartman, Dr S Cotson and Mr W D C Semple.

Shrievalty of Dyfed
Mr David Mansel Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, was the speaker at a dinner given by the Shrievalty of Dyfed at the Waungron Farm Hotel, Whitland, last night. The Hon Robin Lewis, presided.

Old Mancunians' Association
Mr W.T. Hall and Mr Geoffrey Parker, High Master of Manchester Grammar School, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the London section of the Old Mancunians Association held last night at the Arts Club. Dr W.R. Moore was in the chair.

Chartered Association of Certified Accountants
The annual dinner of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants was held at Guildhall, last night. Mr Stanley Thomson, president of the association, presided and the guest of honour and speaker was the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, Mr John Wakeham. The other guests included the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Peter Lilley, and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Christopher Chope.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion given yesterday evening at Hull University, by the Foundation for Science and Technology to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the university. Dr Bill Stubbs, Mr Robert Malpas and Professor William Taylor spoke on "Education through life - Necessity and Challenge". The evening was sponsored by the British Petroleum Company plc, the DTI -Yorkshire and Humberside Region, English Estates, Midland Bank plc and United Biscuits (UK) Limited. Among those present were:
Lady Lloyd, Sir Edward and Lady Parkes, the Bishop of Hull, Councillor Mrs M Sneft, Mr Patrick Coldstream, Mr J T Mills, Mr A Milner and Mr Christopher Price.

To Mr R. Ibach
Mr Robin Hood and Dr Miriam Hood, Director of Miranda House (Minister Counsellor for Cultural Affairs at the Venezuelan Embassy), and Señor Carlos Diaz-Sosa, Director of Bolivar Hall (Press Attaché) cultural centres of the Venezuelan Embassy, gave a dinner last night at 18 Orchard Rise, Richmond, Surrey, in honour of Mr R. Ibach, who is in Britain for the second Ibach Piano Recital to promote young artists. Also present were:
Dr A Chacin, Counsellor, Venezuelan Embassy, Mrs M Boissard, Mr E Fivet, Mr and Mrs E Gosling, Miss Clara Rodriguez, Mr Carlos David Diaz and Mr E Meinhardt.

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Cinema and renovated mill short-listed for Times award

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

Assessors for the 1987-88 Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by *The Times* and the Royal Institute of British Architects, have short-listed 41 entries out of nearly 200 submitted.

Each entry will be visited by assessors before the awards are decided in May. The Prince of Wales, who is patron of the scheme, will present the prizes at the RIBA headquarters on July 5.

Among the short-listed entries are two each in Wales and Northern Ireland, and four in Scotland. Apart from London, Liverpool and the Midlands have the highest number of entries.

Entries of special interest include a community cinema in Hackney, east London; craft workshops and a museum in a renovated water mill in Oswestry, Shropshire; the Jubilee Hall development in Covent Garden; improvements to the Possil housing estate in Glasgow; self-build housing on the Isle of Dogs in London's docklands; an adventure playground in Belfast; and the Eldonian Neighbourhood Revitalization project in Vauxhall, Liverpool.

Awards will be made for the most imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling community projects, with prize money of £10,000 donated by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The Charles Douglas-Home award will go to the most outstanding entry.

The assessors include several winners of previous Community Enterprise awards.

● Mr Richard Meier, an American, will receive the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture for 1988, it will be announced today.

The award, the world's most prestigious in its field, is bestowed annually by the Queen on the recommendation of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The RIBA will also announce today that President Mitterrand has received an honorary fellowship of the institute for his patronage of *new buildings*.

Mr Meier, aged 54, was one of seven short-listed for this year's award. All the nominations were for overeas architects.

His best known recent building is the High Museum of Art in Georgia and before that the Atheneum at New Harmony, Indiana. His work is heavily influenced by le Corbusier but he developed a later manifestation of the style in buildings of pure white. His citation states that he has "succumbed to the seduction of post-modernism".

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



The Nativity by Jacques Daret: It is unusual for women other than the Virgin herself to feature in pictures of the Nativity, as they do in this painting by Jacques Daret (active 1418-1468), writes Sarah Jane Checkland.

The Apocryphal Gospels relate the story of Salome appearing as one of two midwives present at the Birth of Christ. Here she is shown in an exotic turban and multicoloured gown - the height of fashion in Daret's time - leaning forward tentatively to touch the new born Saviour.

According to the tale, poor Salome was punished for her lack of faith in wanting proof of Mary's virginity by having her hand withered.

Perhaps for this reason, hands play an important part in the composition: a delicate network of gestures surrounding the child.

Originally the painting was part of an altarpiece commissioned by the Benedictine abbot of Sant Vaast in 1433, and completed two years later.

It and two side wings in Berlin and Paris are the only works confidently attributed to Daret. They show the influence of that great Flemish painter, Robert Campin, represented at the exhibition by his Portrait of a Man.

Old Master Paintings from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection is at the Royal Academy, London until June 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.M. Arrigoni and Miss N.J.C. Flanagan
The engagement is announced between Clive Malcolm, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Arrigoni, of Leverstock Green, Hertfordshire, and Nicola Jane Clare, second daughter of Dr and Mrs David Flanagan, of Blundellsands, Liverpool.

Mr D.R.G. Arthur and Miss H.M. Shaw
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Judge and Mrs J. Rhys Arthur, and Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Shaw, both of Caldy, Wirral.

Mr N.D. Atkins and Miss C.J. Gibbons
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs D. Atkins, of East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W. Gibbons, of Thame, Oxfordshire.

Mr S.P. Cohen and Miss C.F. Salmon
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Cohen, of Hampstead, London, NW3, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Salmon, of St John's Wood, London, NW8.

Mr A.C. Culshaw and Miss F.A. Morrison
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr Harry Culshaw and of Mrs J.N. Culshaw, of Maghull, Merseyside, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Morrison, of Hamble, Hampshire.

Mr M. Emery and Miss J. Eve
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Dr and Mrs L.L. Emery, of Cardiff, South Glamorgan, and Jennifer, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel K.R.H. Eve, RA (retd), and the late Mrs Paddy Eve, of Orcheston, Wiltshire.

Mr P.D. Fraser and Miss S.D. Heenan
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs D. Fraser, of Chapel House, Romaldkirk, Co Durham, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.L. Heenan, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr D.A. Gibson and Miss M.A. Bazley
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr Arthur Gibson and the late Mrs Beatrice Gibson, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and Mary Anne, daughter of Major and Mrs John Bazley, of Hampstead, London.

Mr C. Lloyd Jones and Dr N. Solman
The engagement is announced between Christian, only son of Mr David Lloyd Jones and Mrs Betty Lloyd Jones, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Solman, of Pilton, Somerset.

Mr P.S. McKoen and Miss S.C. Broomhead
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.J. McKoen, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, and Susan Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I.W. Broomhead, of Highgate, London.

Mr R.F.B. Milligan-Manby and Miss E.H. Forrester
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Mr R.A.S. Milligan-Manby and of Mrs M.G.H. Parkes, and stepson of Captain M.G.H. Parkes, of Thorganby, Lincolnshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr A.J. Forrester and of Mrs P.R. Snelling and stepdaughter of Mr P.R. Snelling, of Tudor Crest, 27 Holdernesse Road, London.

Captain R.H.G. Mills and Miss C.K.D. Waller
The engagement is announced between Robert Mills, Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.H.Y. Mills, of Barrington Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire, and Celia, younger daughter of Major and Mrs C.J. Waller, of Groves Farm, Erbistock, Wrexham, Clwyd.

Mr L. Morgan and Miss S.J.V. Verner
The engagement is announced between Lucien Morgan, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Donaldson, of Surrey, and Sarah Jane Victoria, daughter of Mr James Verner, of Somerset, and Countess Benckendorff, of Clare, Suffolk.

Mr J.N. Newton and Miss M.I. Dyer
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Keith M. Newton, of London, NW1, and Melanie Isobel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Dyer, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr C.J. Powell and Miss H.M. Holder
The engagement is announced between Chris, son of Mr and Mrs C.B. Powell, of Sutton, Surrey, and Heather Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Holder, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Arthur Campbell Hamilton, QC, to be a Judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey.

Mr David James Grant to be Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Durham, in succession to Lord Barnard.

Mr John Morris Roberts to be a governor of the BBC from April 1.

Mr David Du Croz, director of VI form studies at Berkhamsted School, to be Headmaster of Ellesmere College, Shropshire, in succession to Mr Edward Maidment, who is to become Headmaster of Shrewsbury School this summer.

Church news

The Dean of Durham, the Very Rev Peter Baelz, will be retiring on September 30, it was announced yesterday. He served as Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge from 1960 to 1972 before being appointed regius professor of moral and pastoral theology at Oxford University. He moved to Durham as dean in 1980 to become "the caretaker of the most wonderful building in the world".

Appointments
The Rev Joseph H Lister, Rector, Winfarthing with Shelfhanger with Burgate and Gissing, diocese of Norwich: to be Vicar, Sandon, Wallington and Rushden with Clothall, diocese of St Albans.
The Rev Derek P Little, Regional Co-ordinator for Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) and a member of CPAS Vocation and Ministry Department: to be Vicar, St Stephen, Canonbury Road, diocese of London.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry II, reigned 1154-89, Le Mans, France, 1133; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Modena, Italy, 1786; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, Parma, Italy, 1867; Bela Bartok, composer, Nagyszent Miklos, Hungary (Romania), 1881.

DEATHS: Anna Seward ("The Swan of Lichfield"), poet and novelist, Lichfield, Staffordshire, 1809; Caroline Chisholm, the emigrants' friend, London, 1877; Frédéric Mistral, poet, Maillane, France, 1914; Claude Debussy, Paris, 1918; John Drinkwater, poet and dramatist, London, 1937; King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was assassinated, Riyadh, 1975.

St Godric's College

St Godric's College welcomes *former students and their partners* to the 1988 May Ball on Saturday, May 21 at the Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, SW6. Tickets are £24 each and can be obtained from the Ball Secretary, 2 Arkwright Road, London, NW3 6AD. Telephone: 01-435 9831.

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OBITUARY

MR BILL HENDERSON
Administration in the Sudan

Mr K. D. D. (Bill) Henderson, CMG, who died on March 23, at the age of 84, was an officer of the old Sudan Political Service who devoted much of his life to the ideals of the World Congress of Faiths, set up in 1936 to bring people of different faiths closer together. He had been a vice-president of the congress since 1966.

The son of a Scottish doctor, Kenneth David Druitt Henderson was educated at Glenalmond and at University College, Oxford. In 1926, *he joined the Sudan* Political Service, held by some students of imperialism to be the best overseas administration ever devised by the British. He rose eventually to be Governor of Darfur Province from 1949 to 1953.

During the war he was secretary to the Governor-General's Council, when the British administration, never large and depleted by the war, organized the Sudan as a supply base for four armies – the British, the Indian, the Ethiopian, and the Sudan Defence Force. He recorded how their make-do devices, in their remote theatre of war, included bows and incendiary arrows to be used in the Baro salient. At one time they tried to find a fast dye for camouflaging white camels.

Henderson wrote several books on the Sudan, and contributed several articles to encyclopaedias. *Sudan Republic*, published in 1965, was an authoritative and sympathetic description of a now independent nation working out its identity in a part of the world where black Africa borders with Arabia.

Since his return home, in 1953, he had been secretary for many years of the Spalding Educational Trust.

His wife, Margery, whom he married in 1935, survives him. They had a son and two daughters.

GEOFFREY DICKINSON

Geoffrey Dickinson, the cartoon artist, has died, aged 55.

He was one of those, perhaps rare, few among modern cartoonists who are not lulled by the laxity of some present-day art editors. Not only were his gags funny, biting and apposite, but he also paid painstaking attention to his drawing, composition, mass and texture.

His cartoons survived often being reduced to something the size of a large thumb print. Indeed, some of the colour drawings he created for *Punch*, with their collage additions of scraps of advertisements and *petits objets trouvés*, could be placed next to the work of the Dadaists and hailed as high art but for the art world's antipathy towards the truly comic.

Geoffrey Dickinson was born in 1933 near Liverpool. It was there, as an undersized boy, that he sharpened his often biting wit, his high-spirited repartee and his quickness to shrug off the pretentious.

He trained at the Southport School of Art and later at the Royal Academy. He then taught at Selhurst Grammar School before becoming a full-time professional cartoonist.

He exhibited his non-cartoon artwork at the Royal Academy and at the Royal Society of British Etchers. In 1967 he became deputy art editor of *Punch*, which post he held until 1983. Since then he had had a regular daily cartoon with the *Financial Times*.

James Darwen, with whom he was setting up a book of cartoons about the French, remembers seeing him for the last time shortly before his death. "He arrived, dapperly dressed as ever, with two different exquisitely produced versions of the five drawings he had proposed for the book, railed wittily about the several pairs of rugger boots that his son had left in the bath, advised sagely about how to repair the broken armchair he was sitting in, gave the latest chat about his fellow cartoonists, fulminated about the continued lack of a Museum of Cartoonists, gave an inimitable grin, and left to deliver his latest, and perhaps last, drawing to the *Financial Times*. A slight figure leaving a very large space behind him."

He is survived by his wife, Jackie, his childhood girlfriend, and a son and daughter.

MR STEPHEN B. ROMAN

Mr Stephen B. Roman, a poor East European immigrant who became one of Canada's richest men and a legendary entrepreneur, died in Toronto on March 23. He was 66.

As chairman and chief executive officer, he presided over Denison Mines, Ltd., the huge global resources conglomerate.

Roman was born in Slovakia on April 17, 1921. He interrupted his agricultural college training there to emigrate to Canada, where he began his rags-to-riches career as a tomato picker on an Ontario farm.

During the Second World War he served in the Canadian Army, and also worked for a time as a munitions factory labourer.

Living frugally and saving his pennies, he built up a sufficient nest-egg to become a small-time investor in the Stock Market, and he was lucky enough to hold stock in a company that struck oil in North Dakota.

With the profits, in 1953, he bought 900,000 shares in a speculative mining venture called North Denis Mines.

In the following year, he spent C$30,000 to purchase claims to a uranium property near Elliot Lake, Ontario, and it turned out to be the largest uranium ore body ever discovered, with orders of more than C$5 billion by the mid-1970s.

Roman gradually expanded the company into an empire that included a coal mine in British Columbia – which ended up costing him a fortune when the market for coal collapsed in 1985; uranium properties in Australia; a potash mine in New Brunswick; and oil fields in Greece and Egypt.

A devout Roman Catholic, he was the only lay Canadian delegate to the Vatican Ecumenical Council of 1964 and 1965. He received a Papal knighthood.

He leaves his wife, Betty, four sons and three daughters, one of whom succeeds her father as chairman of Denison Mines.

MR ALBERT MEADOWS, GC

Mr Albert Meadows, who won the Edward Medal (later translated George Cross) for his daring rescue on September 18, 1931, of two colleagues from an empty vat of cherry brandy, died on March 19, at the age of 83.

At the time, Meadows was in the employment of Messrs. W. A. Gilbey, Ltd., Camden Town wine and spirit distillers, a company for which he worked for forty-seven years.

On the fateful day, one John Gale, who had been cleaning out with a hose pipe the residue in the empty vat, was found unconscious in the bottom of it, by his mate, Frederick Wormald. He had, it seemed, been gassed by the carbon dioxide given off by the fermentation residue.

Wormald clambered down the ladder but had no success in dragging Gale out. He then called Leonard Wright, an analyst, and went down a second time, but was overcome by the fumes and had to be pulled out by Wright.

Wright, who still had a clear head, then descended into the vat, and was rendered unconscious.

Further assistance had been summoned and this arrived in the shape of Harold Hostler, a vatter, who was quickly down the vat. He made three attempts to extricate his colleagues, but the fumes beat him back, too, and he had to withdraw.

Albert Meadows, assistant store keeper, arrived, and all was soon to be well. He went down the vat once; he went down the vat twice, this time with a wet cloth across his mouth and a rope around his body, and he hauled Wright out. Although slightly affected by the fumes, he went down a third time, for Gale.

It was only on the fourth descent, with a length of rubber piping in his mouth to breathe and with a looped rope in his hand, that he managed to harness Gale, and both were pulled to safety.

Both Wright and Gale recovered consciousness after an hour.

The vatter, Hostler, was also awarded the Edward Medal for his heroism.

Albert Meadows served with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps during the Second World War, and was demobbed with the rank of sergeant.

He lived his retirement in Sussex where he was a member of the Bognor Regis Art Society. He was a cheerful and optimistic sort of man. His wife, Phyllis, a member of the local WRVS club, died before him. There were no children.

Dr Victor Lack, a founder member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, has died, aged 94.

Most of his career was at The London Hospital, latterly as head of the obstetrical and gynaecological department.

His teaching was lively and practical, with always a trace of humour to maintain interest. In the operating theatre his technique was safe, neat, quick and efficient and his post-operative care personal, sympathetic and optimistic.

As a writer he was clear and concise. As well as publishing a number of papers on clinical subjects, he was a senior author of *Ten Teachers of Midwifery* and *Diseases of Women*.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And the angel said unto her. Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
St. Luke 1:30

BIRTHS

ALTY - On March 20th, to Jane (née Cocks) and John, a son, David, a brother for Henry.

BARTON - On March 20th, 1988, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Susan and Kenneth, a son, Jack Kenneth.

BROWN - On March 23rd 1988, at Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge, to Patricia (née Tyrol) and Robin, a son, Daniel George William, a brother for Matthew.

BROWN - On March 10th, at St Albans City Hospital, to Julie and Chris, a son, Samuel Christopher (Sam), a brother for Charlotte. Thanks to all concerned.

BURKE - On March 23rd, 1988 at Epsom District Hospital, to Michele (née Hunt) and Andrew, a daughter, Gemma Anne.

CARR-GREGG - On February 20th, 1988, to Susan and John, in Sydney, Australia, a son Gordon Robert.

CAYZER - On March 24th, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, to Henrietta and Nigel, a son.

CHITTENDEN - On March 21st, at Winchester, to Cliff and Jamie, a first son, Stephen James.

CROWTHER - COSBY - On March 20th, to Shirley and Clive, a son, Frederick.

DURDANT-NOLLAMBY - On March 24th, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent to Rosalind (née Cartwright) and Guy a son, Samuel (Sam).

FOWLE - On March 19th, to Adrian and Christine, a son, David Arthur Seymour, a brother for Caroline.

GARDOM - On March 19th, to Judith (née Edgoose) and James a daughter, Clare.

HIND - On March 17th, at the Simpson in Edinburgh, to Jadwiga (née Ciephuch) and John, a son, Alexander Henry, a brother for Charlotte.

HOSKINS - On March 21st 1988, to Anne (née Grumitt) and Andrew a daughter, Laura Ivy Anne. Thanks to St Helier Hospital.

KER-REID - On March 23rd, to Jane (née Drew) and John, a son, James David, a brother for Duncan.

LARCOMBE - On March 21st, in Stockton-on-Tees, to Terri and James, a daughter, Victoria Emma.

LIGHTFOOT - On March 20th, to Hilary (née Crowhurst) and James, a son, a brother for George and Rosalie.

LOWTHER - On March 21st, 1988, to Moux and Hugh, a daughter, Flora.

MANNING - On March 23rd, at Cuckfield Hospital to Luke and Hasaina, a daughter, Harriet Gwendolen, a sister for Matthew and Francis.

RAGOL-LEVY - On March 18th, 1988, at University College Hospital, to Michelle (née Abraham) and Jonathan, a son, Daniel Israel, a brother for Deborah.

ROBBIS - On March 21st 1988, to Philip and Helen, a daughter, Verity Christina Helen.

SCRIMGEOUR - On March 23rd, at Cheil Hospital, Seoul, South Korea, to Lily (née Brown) and Bill, a daughter Natasha.

DEATHS

ARGENTI - On March 23rd, 1988, peacefully at her home, Alexandra Helen, née Schilizzi, in her 84th year. Much loved and devoted mother of Sanny, Georgina and Lorenzo and grandmother of Frederic. Funeral service on Monday March 28th at the Greek Cathedral of Agiou Sopias, Moscow Road, Bayswater at 11am. Enquiries: W. Garstin & Sons, 10 Chiltern Street, London, W1, Tel: 01 935 4868.

BLACKSTONE - On March 22nd, 1988, at Bymead House Nursing Home, Charmouth, Dorset, Lesley West, aged 87 years, Widow of Ernest Edward Blackstone and of Commander William Henry Strickland Ball R.N.

CATON - On March 23rd, suddenly at his home in Cawston, Norfolk, John Henry, aged 64 years formally of Biggin Lane, Ramsey, much loved husband of Caroline, dearly loved father of Jacqueline, Jennifer, John, Frances and Raymond and their families. Will be loved and remembered always. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium on Wednesday March 30th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired for The Norwich Samaritans, can be sent to Gordon Barber Funeral Directors, 317 Aylsham Road, Norwich.

COLLINS - On March 22nd, 1988, at Torbay Hospital, Donald Gordon, retired from North West Thames Regional Health Authority. Funeral service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Tuesday March 29th at 2.30pm. A memorial service will be held at Fairmile Cemetery Chapel, Henley-on-Thames on Wednesday March 30th at 3.00pm, followed by interment of ashes. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the local branch of The British Heart Foundation Fund, c/o Messrs Coombes & Sons Funeral Directors, 73 Fore Street, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AB.

CURRIDGE - On March 17th, suddenly, but peacefully at Marbella, Spain, Eileen Mabre (née Crawford), beloved wife of Bob, dearly loved mother of John, Sheena, Patrick, Susan and Dorothy. Mother-in-law of Julia, Gebhard, Max and Richard and very dear Nana to Catherine, Richard, Patrick, Stephanie, Dominique and Stephen. Funeral Mass and Service at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Lingfield, Surrey, at 12 noon, on Monday March 28th, followed by Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, at 1 pm. Enquiries and flowers to F Brinkhurst & Son, Homeles, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel: 0342 23092.

DAVIES - On March 23rd, Hilda Myfanwy Mary (Jane) of Peddars Way, Compton, Guildford. Greatly loved by all her friends. Cremation private, please no flowers. Service of Thanksgiving at Compton Church, Monday April 11 at 2 pm. If friends wish donations may be sent to The Perseverance Trust, Howard House, Vicarage Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8AS.

DICKINSON - On March 21st, in hospital, Geoffrey Samuel, aged 64, of Croydon, Surrey. Beloved husband of Jacqueline and father of David and Jane. Private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to Liver Unit Research Trust, c/o King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, SE5. Memorial service to be announced.

DUNNE - On March 23rd, suddenly at home, Noel Marguerite, widow of Major N. G. F. (Punch) Dunne, M.D. Palestine and much missed mother of Marguerite and grandmother of Clara and Richoth Moiese. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Axminster, Devon on Wednesday March 30th at 11.00 am. Flowers may be sent to W.G Potter and Son, Axminster.

GALLOP - On March 23rd, suddenly after a short illness, Gill, beloved daughter of Kaye and the late Kenneth, sister of Barrie. Funeral service at St James Church, Carnaby, on Friday 25th March, at 3pm. Followed by Interment. Family flowers only but donations for Cancer Research, in Church Plate or to Bryan G, Bishop Funeral Director, Hallatrow Road, Paulton, nr Bristol.

HAWLEY - On March 19th 1988, Major Sir David Hawley, Bt., much loved husband of Hermione. Private cremation has taken place. donations if desired, to the Pilgrim Hospital Heart Fund, Boston, Lincolnshire.

HENDERSON - On March 23rd, at home, Kenneth David Druitt (Bill), aged 84, late Sudan Political Service, husband of Margery. Funeral at All Saints Church, Steeple Langford at 2pm on Wednesday March 30th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to: The Bible Lands Society, PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP15 7QU.

LINDGREN UTSI - On March 23rd, peacefully in her sleep at Reindeer House, Avimore, Ethel John of Sunbourn, Harston, widow of Mikel Utsi in her 84th year. Much loved by John and Judy, Jacqueline, David and Tom, Vincent and Erica. Will be missed by many friends and admirers. Funeral at All Saints Church, Harston at 11.30 Thursday March 31st. All enquiries to Harry Williams & Sons, Tel Cambridge (0223) 359480.

LOFTS-CONSTABLE - On March 17th, Enid, aged 87, loved by her husband Bernard, her daughters Cosima and Virginia, and all her family. The private funeral took place on March 22nd.

MACKAY - On March 22nd 1988, Colonel James Noble (Hamish) Mackay, DSO., late of The 4th Prince of Wales Own Ghurka Rifles. Service to be held at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, Clydebank, Glasgow, on Friday March 25th at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Erskine Hospital, Bishopton, Renfrewshire, PA7 5PU.

MOYES - On March 23rd, 1988, suddenly in Hull Royal Infirmary, Dr Isabel C. A. Moyes, of The London Hospital. Service at the Hull Chanterlands Avenue Crematorium, on Monday March 28th at 4pm. Flowers if desired to Robert A. Drew & Son's, Chapel of Rest, 78A Main Street, Willerby, Hull.

RADFORD - On March 19th 1988, peacefully in hospital Major Frederick Radford G.M., R.E. (Rtd.), aged 81. Sadly missed. Service at the Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes road, Brighton, on Wednesday March 30th at 3.00 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Hannington's Funeral Director Ltd. 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex. Tel 0273 778733.

SHAPIRA - On March 21st, at the Harley Street Clinic, Magda Shapira aged 69 after a brief illness. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday March 29th at 2pm.

STEBBING - On March 23rd, 1988, peacefully at home, Peter French, dearly loved husband of Doreen and loving father of Anne, Jane and John. Funeral service at Eltham Crematorium, Thursday, March 31st at 10.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to the National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AS to support The Trees and Gardens Storm Disaster Appeal.

STRABOLGI - On March 22nd, 1988, peacefully in her 99th year, Doris, Lady Strabolgi, only child of the late Sir Frederick Whitley-Thomson, M.P., J.P., and greatly loved mother of David, Malcolm ,Feretith and Basil, and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Queens Gate, SW7, on Monday March 28th at 12.00pm. Flowers to P Ryan and Son, 6 South Ealing Road, Ealing, W5, by 10.00am Monday.

STURROCK - On March 20th, suddenly at home, Erna Sturrock of Strawberry Hill, Twickenham. Funeral on Tuesday March 29th at 1.30pm at South West Middlesex Crematorium.

UNSWORTH - On March 24th, at Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Norwich, Melville (formerly of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society). Dear husband of Grace (née Fraser) and father of Alice, father-in-law of John, uncle of Anne and Ivor, and loving grandfather of Louise and James, Caroline and Jennifer. Funeral Service at St. Faiths Crematorium, Norwich, on Tuesday March 29th at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to the Priscilla Bacon Lodge maybe sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHENEY - A service for the late Micheal John (Mike) will be held in the Parish Church, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. Glos., Saturday 9th April 1988 at 2.30 pm.

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STEEN - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stephen Nicholas Steen, will be held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St. Johns Wood Road, NW8, at 3.30pm. on Sunday 24th April.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

RETALLACK - Pauline, for all the happy years we spent together. Guy, Jane, John and Tony.

BIRTHDAYS

BRIGITTE - My darling wife, happy birthday, thank you for a wonderful year, Richard.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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THE ARTS

Thrills and pills

Five days among the polychrome jollity and polythene rainforests of Disney World might strike some children as a fate worse than Jimmy Savile.

To 300 young victims of serious illnesses, however, the free trip came as a godsend and, in many cases, a short lifetime's ambition realized. Following the precept of St Ignatius Loyola, Florida's most celebrated man-made extravaganza sinks its plastic claws into young imaginations at just the right age.

40 Minutes **(BBC2) selected five children in order to show the impact of the holiday on their circumstances. For one 10-year-old boy with leukaemia, the trip was a shaft of sun between one series of operations and the next. Alarmingly, he proposed to spend his time in Disneyworld researching cheeseburgers. These items reportedly came up to snuff.**

TELEVISION

The programme neatly combined the heart-warming charity story and the medico-social documentary with a sprinkling of Woolworth's travelogue: the watered-down Dixie bands; the Stars and Stripes forever; Bernstein's "America" on the soundtrack.

It was saved from dullness by an *ad hoc* friendship between a Yorkshire heart patient — a scarred veteran of repeated pacemaker repairs — and a Scottish boy born with cystic fibrosis, who takes 8,632 pills a year and requires physiotherapy four times daily. "I don't mind it," the latter said of his appalling condition, "but sometimes I get a bit cheesed off with it. It's all right though," he added quickly.

Having demonstrated that unsung fortitude requires only a film crew in order to blossom into winning articulacy, this report left an enormous gap at one of its points of greatest potential interest: the holiday was organized by a couple of British Airways staff who spent a year raising the money through sponsored events and public donations.

By any standard, this was an extraordinary undertaking, and one might have hoped for some insight into their background. We saw them consulting with a paediatrician before take-off, and again, briefly, coping with practical problems in Disney World. Perhaps we will next see them queuing for gongs at the Palace.

Martin Cropper

Under Wagner's spell

In Milan, The Flying Dutchman is back on stage as a large scale romantic opera with triumphs for conductor Riccardo Muti and James Morris (below) in the title role. John Higgins reports from La Scala



If you have little taste for a *Flying Dutchman* peopled with girls in boiler suits and executives with clipper boards or one where the phantom vessel looks like a cross section from a U-boat, and if you do not care to have Wagner's legend of the sea staged as merely Senta's dream, then try to catch a sight of La Scala's new production of *Der fliegende Holländer* which has opened this week.

Michael Hampe, with the aid of the British designer John Gunter, has turned it back to its proper state: a majestic three-act romantic opera about redemption and the curse of the open sea. With Riccardo Muti conducting his first Wagner in the theatre, although that could never be guessed from his control of the score, and inspiring the best from his cast and orchestra, it makes for a spellbinding evening.

After the overture, where only the woodwind sounded a little below par, Hampe started *The Dutchman* with a storm of *Otello*-like proportions, with the sky rent by lightning. Daland's crew struggle to make their small craft firm in its thankfully found haven. And when they do, the Steurmann becomes more anchorman than steersman as he sings his song in praise of the south wind (gracefully voiced by Robert Gambill).

The Dutchman's own vessel, first glimpsed as two glowing eyes in the darkness like the creature from the black lagoon, emerges exactly as Wagner instructed: a bone-crunching crack as its anchor is dropped and then its blood-red sails and black masts tower over Daland's flimsy boat.

Hampe is not one to shy away from the stage effects demanded by German romantic opera. Nor is he one to skirt or stint the bourgeois realism of Daland's home, where the spinning business is clearly thriving to judge from the number of spindles, wheels and bobbins in John Gunter's heavily timbered set.

Robert Lloyd plays Daland as a prosperous entrepreneur, grave and humourless, quite ready to build the family fortunes further by matching his daughter with the first man to come along with a casket of jewels of the right quality and quantity. With this to add to his Covent Garden Gurnemanz, Lloyd is clearly developing a nice line in Wagnerian patriarchs.

The only departure from romantic realism comes in Act II during the mighty Dutchman-Senta duet when the workroom splits to reveal an expanse grey-blue: the clouds of their dreams or a calm sea for a prosperous voyage? The only slight fudge is at the close where Senta meets her death suspended from the stern of the Dutchman's ship, half figurehead and half crucifixion. Earlier Hampe had staged with great imagination the sudden appearance of the Dutchman's crew, a whey-faced rabble threatening the on-shore Norwegians like rival bands of supporters at a soccer international.

For the Dutchman and Senta, La Scala have engaged two of the very latest generation of American Wagnerians. Comment was passed here a month ago on the promise, nay achievement, of James Morris while he was recording Wotan in Munich. His Dutchman, with which he makes his triumphant Scala début, is a figure as ceremonious and solemn as Wagner demanded.

The appearance may be shaggy — barbers must have been in short supply on the high seas — but the courtesy and pathos are never in dispute. The Spanish cloak and the deep-set eyes, both haunted and pleading, proclaim Wagner's persecuted hero. The Morris bass-baritone delivers tones that are as burnished as they are bold: he has learnt the art of legato singing in Wagner and his German has become excellent. A noble performance, showing the kind of stamina Franz Crass used to display, which raises the highest hopes for his Covent Garden Wotan.

Deborah Polaski, an even newer name on the Wagner scene, is to be this year's Bayreuth Brünnhilde. According to the *Corriere della sera*, she was once a basketball player at semi-professional level and she certainly reaches for the high ones in the score fearlesssly. The voice is as sturdy as the frame, with an attractive shimmer to the timbre, although she should beware of using too much volume, especially in a house like La Scala which is so generous to the voice. She and Morris were adroitly paired: both are accomplished actors and both command an easy freshness in the voice so that the Act II duet of enthrallment cast its spell out into the audience.

The cast was completed, rather more modestly, by Margarita Lilova's homely Mary and a rather tight voiced Erik, especially in the upper register, from the DDR tenor Eberhardt Buechner.

Riccardo Muti seems to have turned the Scala players into a Wagner orchestra — or at least a *Dutchman* orchestra. The opera has been out of the repertoire for 20 years, but the precision and drama arising from the pit suggested that the Holländer had been there only yesterday. This was a superb piece of high-tension conducting.

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Spirited ritual

CONCERTS

Monteverdi Choir/Gardiner
QEH

John Eliot Gardiner's progress through Bach's choral masterpieces has been notable for high intelligence in stylistic matters and stunning performance standards. Wednesday night's *St Matthew Passion* upheld all that, but something even more important was also evident: the emotional temperature (or, as believers would say, the spirituality) of Eliot Gardiner's interpretation seemed considerably more marked than hitherto.

One should not overstate this. He still takes a brisk, lilting view of the epic, framing choruses. Man may be bewailing his grievous sins, but he manages to hop and skip as he does so.

The chorales, however, are treated with more variety, and consideration for the text, than when Eliot Gardiner tackled the *St John* a few seasons ago. For the final verse of *"O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden"* (to take an obvious example), the accompaniment was reduced to flutes and bass strings, leaving the superb Monteverdi Choir to fill in the harmonies with extraordinary tenderness and control. The effect was sublime, without any trace of mandlin sentiment.

Overall the approach was of a disciplined but dramatic ritual. Great crowd choruses — delivered with a faultless clarity and verve which belied their pace — were run into contemplative arias with scarcely a break. Within choruses, too, Eliot Gardiner often suddenly changed the articulation or dynamics.

Anthony Rolfe Johnson (Evangelist) veered towards a sparse, almost ascetic interpretation, but his high register was in excellent shape, and where he did markedly vary his delivery the results were convincing. The Christus, Andreas Schmidt, revealed a fine, dark timbre, but this part calls for more authority and platform presence, especially with Olaf Bär and Cornelius Hauptmann investing the other bass and baritone parts with such vivacity and tonal distinction.

A well-matched solo team also included the exquisitely modulated counter-tenor of Michael Chance and the American tenor Howard Crook, whose incisive flexibility is ideal in Bach. The women soloists (Barbara Bonney, Ann Monoyios, Iris Vermillion) displayed less individuality, but fitted into Eliot Gardiner's airy textures well enough.

Richard Morrison

DANCE

La Sylphide
Sadler's Wells Theatre

London City Ballet's first real season in Central London, after nearly 10 years of touring, begins at Sadler's Wells with a programme of two well-tried works.

I praised their production of *La Sylphide* when it was given in Bromley last autumn, and it looks better on the larger stage at the Wells. The fact that, for once, it is this stage that wins in such a comparison, is an indication of the difficulties the Company often has to contend with when on the road.

Marian St Claire's account of the title part benefits from having its easy lightness untramelled, but the performance was not in all other respects improved, partly because of cast changes. Simon Horrill proves a somewhat lumpy, grumpy Gurn, and the ensemble of sylphs in Act 2 loses something now that Pippa Wylde is no longer there to lead it.

Besides, Harold King has spoiled his previously well-judged interpretation of Madge the Witch by a ludicrously exaggerated make-up that looks like something out of *Spitting Image* and makes it difficult to read facial expression.

In spite of those reservations, the Company looks in fair form, especially in such highlights as the vigorous reel; and the programme as a whole gains because the delicate old romantic ballet now has a good contrasting complement in Jack Carter's *Three Dances to Japanese Music*.

Like Balanchine's *Bugaku* (recently mounted for the Royal Ballet), this translates themes and devices from Japanese theatre and music into terms of Western ballet. Carter's choreography is more obvious than Balanchine's, but that makes it easier for dancers and audiences to cope with.

Jack Wyngaard is the outstanding member of a sound but not dazzling cast, both for his jumps in the finale and his contribution to the violent middle section.

John Percival

When life begins at 50

THEATRE

Buried Alive
New Victoria, North Staffs

The Vic has been staging Arnold Bennett novels for five-town audiences for over 20 years, and this latest adaptation by Joyce Holliday proves that the bottom of the barrel is still nowhere in sight.

In straight narrative terms, *Buried Alive* is the obverse of Bennett's *The Card*: both feature a hero who turns society upside down, one through go-getting bounce, the other through excruciating shyness.

Priam Farll in *Buried Alive* is England's greatest painter. He has also pushed the aesthetic slogan, "as for living, our servants will do that for us", to the point of total reclusiveness with the aid of his valet, Leek; and when this factotum expires, Farll assumes his identity and disappears so as to escape marrying a titled predator. He is a man who slides into deception through the inability to say No.

One problem facing any adapter is that Bennett's narrative consists largely of the thoughts racing through the distracted hero's mind, followed by his failure to express them when it comes to the point. Miss Holliday gets around this partly by setting up the situation in a brief Parisian prologue, so as to avoid the need for further explanation when she reaches Bennett's own starting point in London.

Beyond that, she concentrates on the story's theatrical essentials of showing a 50-year-old innocent getting an education in the pleasures of ordinary life. To begin with he is as selfishly helpless as a spoiled child, irritated that his servant has picked such an inconvenient moment to die, and unable even to light a candle for the doctor. But, in Frank Moorey's testy, hand-wringing performance, it is impossible even in the opening scenes to dislike him.

The real life of the piece emerges in his relationship with the lady he inherits from Leek, via a matrimonial agency. This partnership blossoms into humane comedy of a high order. And just as it shows Farll quitting the Grand Babylon Hotel to discover the delights of cooked breakfasts in Putney, so it reveals the suburban philistine Alice commanding unexpected resources of warmth, guile, and imagination when it comes to looking after her man. Susan Dowdall puts all the promise of the Arabian Nights into lines like, "You can live very comfortably in Putney if you want to."

Some of the scenes of art dealers and newshounds betray the grotesque vision of the metropolis as seen from outside London and, in this sense, Chris Martin's production makes the metropolitan Bennett look provincial. Otherwise it uses the arena space with ingenious clarity, and offers some highly proficiant doubling by the company of eight.

Irving Wardle

The Jew of Malta
Barbican

Clifford Williams' rip-roaring RSC production in the mid-60s returned Marlowe's awkward play to the national repertoire, and a stimulating programme note (by Simon Trussler) accompanying this new production, argues that the Williams' style expressed the sparkling, Ortonesque amorality of that decade.

Be that as it may, the production was extraordinarily funny. This latest revival by Barry Kyle, up from last year's Stratford season is comic only in patches.

Alun Armstrong's ripe and detailed performance as the wealthy Barabas, adorned with Hebrew gestures, mutters, scraps of song and roguish smiles, generates great good-will in the audience, and puts us on his side against the hypocritical Christians. But the working-out of the plot's macabre comedy is disappointingly uneven and muddled.

In its mixture of laughter and death, the play is a sort of *pantomime noire*, almost as if, in the very morning of Elizathan drama, Marlowe is sending up both the spirit and the process of the tragic convention. His hero destroys an entire convent of nuns with a bowl of poisoned rice.



Alun Armstrong as Barabas

Kyle's determined use of anachronism pits cloaked Knights of Malta against Turkish guerrillas, and offers the slave drinks from a mini-bar. While this can be funny after a simple fashion, it has no evident significance, and the death-bed confession of Barabas's daughter is hardly given greater weight by preceding it with the sight of poisoned nuns vomiting from an upper level into bowls held aloft by helpful friars.

Where the production undoubtedly scores is in making Machiavelli the inspiration not of the Jew, but of his Christian enemies.

John Carlisle plays both Machiavelli, soaring from hell to speak the prologue, and the icily ruthless Governor; and by having him returned to his first character during the play's final, unctuous praise of Heaven — delivered as a plaster Madonna descends from the flies — is a master stroke that makes up for much of the *longueurs* that have gone before.

Jeremy Kingston

A case of mission impossible

ROCK

The Mission
Astoria

Having sold out the Astoria for the best part of a seven-night run at the end of a national tour, and with a recent hit single and a No 2 album under their belts, the Mission obviously thought by the time they took the stage that most of the work was behind them. Wrong.

For even in front of a capacity partisan crowd, the group earned a disappointingly muted reception. Most of the blame can be put down to the absence of chemistry in the group's ritualistic approach.

As former members of the Sisters Of Mercy, the singer Wayne Hussey and the bassist Craig Adams were, of course, brought up with a notion of public exhibition that incorporated a distinct sense of remoteness from their audience. But despite a loyal following among the same "gothic" fans, the Mission is much less of a poised performance concept, more of an old-fashioned sweaty rock band.

They started strongly with "Beyond The Pale", huge rippling chords, underpinned by Mick Brown's colossal drum sound, emphasizing a strong, languid melody sung by Hussey in his somewhat affected baritone voice. During "Heat", they achieved the ranting tribal intensity for which Killing Joke is renowned, and powerful performances of "Tower Of Strength" and "Wasteland" almost saw them through.

But this was not Led Zeppelin, whatever Hussey may think, and towards the end, his desperate yowling of snippets from "Light My Fire" and "Satisfaction", combined with a precarious and ill-conceived assault on the PA towers, revealed the embarrassing absence of a self-edit facility in his performance and left a distinct impression that the group had failed to go the distance without being found out.

David Sinclair

Wooden Bax

PO/Thomson
Festival Hall

Just occasionally, the spirit of enterprise can get in the way of musical quality, and that certainly seemed to be the case when Bryden Thomson conducted the London Philharmonic Orchestra on Wednesday night.

Thomson is renowned as a champion of the music of Arnold Bax, whose seventh symphony, finished in 1939, was the focus of the evening. Even his persuasive advocacy could not convince one that the work is of the highest quality.

First among many reasons for such misgivings is the symphony's uncertainty of style. The fact that it contains the harmonic and melodic chromatic meanderings of Delius, a measure of folk influence, a touch of Walton-come-Elgar as an arresting upbeat to the finale, and sudden patches of block-busting brashness elsewhere need not necessarily count against it. One only has to think of a composer like Ives.

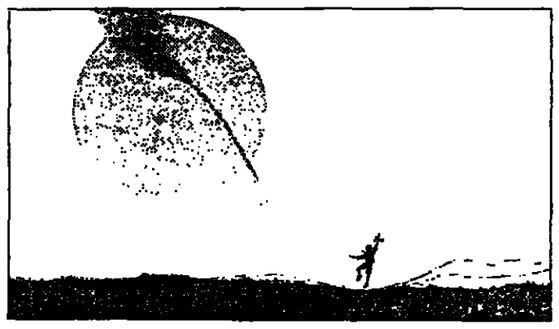
But here the composer's eclecticism does not add up to something you could identify definitively as Bax, while the feeling that he is struggling with problems of continuity is compounded further by his tendency to resort too much to wooden repetitions.

Bax is sometimes resourceful in his orchestration, however, and the LPO duly relished the purple patches without seeming to be bowled over by the piece themselves.

They were also a touch dour in Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto, the waywardness of which is rather more appealing. Boris Belkin, the soloist, made an endearing if slightly steely sound, but again his performance seemed a touch bland.

Stephen Pettitt

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FRIDAY PAGE

'Mrs Foster is a grievance-monger, an injustice collector. This would be fair enough, were she a private citizen'

One of the hazards in covering women's issues is conference fatigue. I thought about that when I arrived rather droopily at the Park Lane Hotel for the Highflyers Conference this week. Conferring does seem to have replaced bingo and the coffee morning, which may be progress, although a friend quoted Dostoevsky to me as I set off for the hotel: "Women," he said ominously. "They always have this social excuse for every nasty thing they do."

The Highflyers are defined by Conservative Central Office as "professional women aged 25-45 who are at the top or reaching for the top ... who support enterprise, freedom and the Conservative way of life".

I was debating whether or not to have another caffeine fix when a very attractive woman of East Indian descent came up to me and peered at my Press badge. She wanted publicity for her charity and seized the opportunity to network.

"We are the Women's India Association of the UK," she said, pressing a card into my hand. "And we are not just an India association, no no, not at all. We are rich women who raise money for charitable purposes here and in India. Mrs Thatcher always sends us a card."

There were three speakers at the conference and the clear star, in billing at least, was Lord Young, who made an enthusiastic pitch about 1992. But the key speaker in terms of "women's issues" was Joanna Foster, the incoming head of the Equal Opportunities Commission. She is blessed with a natural modesty that immediately disarms, together with the gung-ho enthusiasm of a head girl. Mrs Foster beams, and she beamed over the lectern at the upturned faces of the Highflyers.

Somewhere in the middle of her speech I looked around: where were the protests, the cries of "Shame, shame"? The room was rapt. Foster and her audience were in a soothing state of symbiosis.

The tone was set in the first anecdote. A 17-year-old girl, having never experienced discrimination in her life, confronted Foster. "Surely we no longer need the Equal Opportunities Commission?" she asked. Foster smiled. "She thinks equal opportunities exist in reality," she explained to the audience. The audience smiled.

"I liked her confidence, I liked her attitudes," Foster continued. "But what should I do?" It was a rhetorical question.

Foster is a grievance-monger. She is an injustice collector. She can do nothing else but raise the girl's consciousness to see the world as an unhappy, maladjusted place. This would be fair enough were Foster a private citizen. Still, it seems a bit thick to have her turning jolly people into malcontents on the taxpayers' money — even if it does ensure future work for the EOC. I remembered the retort of *Gem* and *Magnet* writer Frank Richards to George Orwell after he had criticized the comics for not showing poverty and unemployment. "Even if making miserable children would make happy adults, it would not be justifiable ... He is happy in his daydreams. Mr Orwell would have him



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told that he is a shabby little blighter, his father an ill-used serf, his world a dirty, muddled, rotten sort of show. I don't think it would be fair to take his twopence for that!"

But a "paint the picture bleak" attitude permeated Foster's speech. She talked of mediocre middle-management men with hopelessly outdated views on family life. She spoke of their belief that most women live in traditional groupings of two parents and two children. "Only 5per cent do," Foster lectured, enjoying the slight intake of breath at this proof of the family's extinction.

The use of misleading statistics to prove a point is a parlour game of feminists. The 5 per cent figure, as sociologist Robert Chester points out in *Family Studies* (published by the Social Affairs Unit), can only be held by sticking rigidly to a formula with two parents and two dependent children. Statistically speaking, there probably never ever was a moment in time when the two-parent, two-children structure was the norm.

Life is always in flux. People are born, leave home and move on. The minute parents with one child or more than two are included — or widowed spouses or happily married couples just beginning their marriage with no children, or any variant of family life — the statistics change. They show more than 80 per cent of people growing up in traditional families. In what world, I wondered, does Foster live?

When I left the conference it was with the ringing words of Foster eating into my head like a pneumatic drill. "Look around you," she urged the audience. "Take a snapshot of what's going on. Don't just sit there. Look at the colour of people in the workplace around you, their gender, their age. You can change things."

There are of course many lenses through which we can see the world. But I always thought that liberal democracy tried to promote a sort of colour-blind vision, an appraisal of the world in terms of people — rather than gender, age or race. But we seem to be paying for officials to teach us the opposite. Meanwhile, these views seem to me to herald the end of any real equality of opportunity. If ideas like those of Foster prevail and we all feel like "victims", won't every group be demanding a little more equality than the next? Will the arrangement of my reproductive organs get me hired rather than my intrinsic worth?

What sort of labour force will we have in this nightmare of quotas, where we all "look around" and take our snapshots of envy?

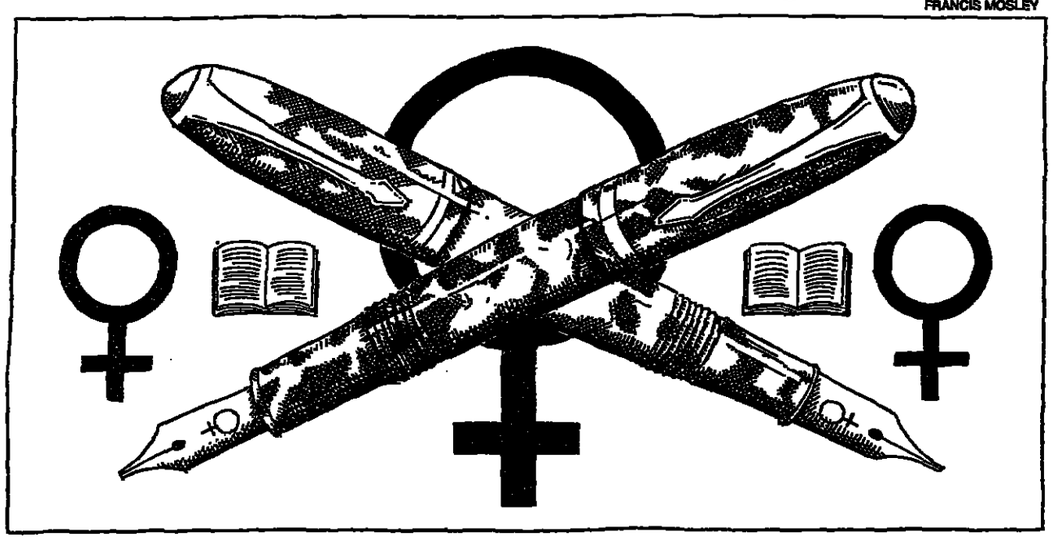
Later on, I wondered if the feminists have not simply taken their private psychological problems and projected them on to the rest of us. Still, as I walked out of the conference, organized by the Conservative Central Office, it all seemed too late.

If Douglas Hurd's appointee, Foster, is the face of "the Conservative way of life", then we might as well knuckle down — and look around.

Who is looking forward to Feminist Book Fortnight? **Catherine Bennett** reports

Women's side of the story...

FRANCIS MOSLEY



Blue Donkey is an anthropomorphized ass, a wise-innocent purveyor of insights such as, "Truth is dazzling", who sometimes engages in discourse with her "friend" and creator, Suniti Namjoshi. As their exchanges are never witty, questionably wise and always fey, it is hard to imagine their attracting a mass audience. But Suniti Namjoshi is a very fortunate feminist fabulist indeed.

In May, her publishers expect to sell at least 1,000 more copies of *The Blue Donkey Fables* courtesy of Feminist Book Fortnight, a book promotion which annually publicizes 20 books that its judges consider "well written and produced and which reflect and celebrate the concerns and achievements of women writers and publishers during the past 12 months".

Some of these achievements, such as Toni Morrison's novel, *Beloved*, Andrea Dworkin's *Intercourse*, or Jeanette Winterson's *The Passion*, are considerable, and have already been widely recognized. Others, such as *Reproductive Technologies*, a "concerns" book about the implications of test tube baby technology, deserve this two-week break from a remote specialist bookshelf.

But it is less easy to see why the judges have honoured *Stoner McTavish* by Sarah Dreher, a detective story which features a lesbian investigator — also a negligible plot and ineffably whimsical prose. Or *Turning the Tables*, a cookbook in which a collection of pleasant looking recipes has metamorphosed into an "achievement", presumably because each dish comes with a short "reflection" on something like bulimia, or "my feelings about food and the relationships women have to it and to each other".

Aside from their female authorship and proponents, the 20 books are too disparate to suggest what makes a book a feminist book, and Sue Butterworth, one of the five judges, admits that it is "difficult to say. I suppose, simplistically, a book would be a feminist book if it's about the state of women in the world". Naturally, she adds, that would not include the latest Barbara Cartland.

Keeping the Faith, a first novel by Carol Clewlow, which won a place in the "selected twenty", is not overtly about the state of anyone except a young woman who will never get over being raised among the Plymouth Brethren. "I was really pleased when it was chosen, because even though people have said it's not a feminist book, I've always felt it was," says Clewlow, now 41. "I really feel I want to be a feminist writer, that's my passion, so I am really glad to have my colours nailed to the mast." But again, it was "difficult" to explain the difference between a feminist writer and a novelist who was also a feminist. "I'm not sure that I can answer that easily." She now wants to be a "feminist writer men read", and entertains "grave doubts" about women's publishing houses. "I think the time for exclusivity is over, I think we all need to take our chance now."

Jeanette Winterson is 28, and resists the term "feminist book". "As soon as you start trying to define what that is you get into a terrible mess." She says it is "difficult" to talk about feminist writers as novelists. "I don't think I'm one, because I deal with other issues quite a lot of the time. When I think of feminist writers I usually think of women who have pioneered the ground in non-fiction: in philosophy, ethics, morality." and it's good to do something about it."

When *The Passion* came out, she was furious to find it "ghettoised" in a *Guardian* review, alongside four or five other supposedly feminist books, "of the kind that I don't write. I was very, very angry". But she appears quite content to have her novel selected for Feminist Book Fortnight. "It can only do the book good," she says bluntly, "because the Feminist Book Fortnight has proved to be enormously saleable as an idea. It is true for a lot of women writers that if they are not in a women's bookshop, they don't get the shelf space. I think the overwhelming interest in fiction is still in fiction written by men. The people sitting at the top are nearly all boys, so this is going to be the case for quite a while.

The organizers of Feminist Book Fortnight are not quite so trenchant. They prefer to dwell on the "celebration" of the diversity of women's writing, and rejoice that their list has in the four years since it started always been so obviously acceptable to W.H. Smith, its best known promoter. "It's not a man-the-barricades promotion," says Katy Nicholson, of the Women's Press. "It's to say, look there is this wealth of really enjoyable writing, and we want books that can easily be stocked in a wide range of places, and enjoyed by a wide range of people. We want to say that feminism isn't doom and gloom, it's celebrating a wealth of different views ..."

The choice of views is so commercially astute that, according to Graham Nelson, Buying Manager of general books, arts and literature at W.H. Smith, most of the titles on the list would be stocked anyway. Feminist Book Fortnight is not a political statement by W.H. Smith, he says, but a useful way of drawing attention to this stock.

As long as Feminist Book Fortnight continues in this useful role, and sells thousands of books, no practical author or publisher is likely to complain that its aims are unfocused, its title misleading, and the quality of its merchandise wildly variable.

But Penny Perrick, Literary Editor of the *Sunday Times* considers the term "feminist" so old fashioned that it might even put people off; in fact she disapproves of the whole fortnight: "I think it re-ghettoises something that is more than ready to emerge from the ghetto and become mainstream," she said. "I think the good books are not done a service by being promoted as part of the fortnight because they are then immediately labelled feminist books. To me it is like having male menopause fortnight. You don't have to promote feminism any more, you should let it take its chances now."

Many women involved in the promotion might agree that feminist is not a book category they would wish to last forever; that it has already become more difficult than definitive. Jeanette Winterson explains why this political movement is "unique — because it actually wants itself to disappear". Fortunately for Blue Donkey, that date still seems rather remote. For Winterson it will not have arrived until "the boys stop being macho, stop grabbing all the space, stop paying women less, and stop expecting books to read the way they would write them".

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THE SELECTED 20

The Blue Donkey Fables by Suniti Namjoshi (Women's Press, £3.95).
Tiny Lies by Kate Pullinger (Jonathan Cape, £9.95).
Mothers and Lovers by Elizabeth Wood (Bloomsbury, £12.95).
She Has No Place in Paradise by Nawal El Saadawi (Methuen, £9.95/£3.95).
The Passion by Jeanette Winterson (Bloomsbury, £11.95, Penguin £3.95).
Angel by Merle Collins (Women's Press, £12.95/£4.95).
Beloved by Toni Morrison (Chatto & Windus £11.95).
Close Company: Stories of Mothers and Daughters edited by Christine Park and Caroline Heaton (Virago, £10.95/£4.95).
Stoner McTavish by Sarah Dreher (Pandora Press, £4.95).
Keeping The Faith by Carol Clewlow (Faber, £9.95).
Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole (Picture Lions, £1.95).
Annie On My Mind by Nancy Garden (Virago Upstarts, £3.95).
Makeba: My Story by Miriam Makeba (Bloomsbury, £13.95).
Lyn: A Story of Prostitution by June Levine and Lyn Maddern (Women's Press, £4.95).
Across The Water: Irish Women's Lives in Britain edited by Lennon, McAdam and O' Brien (Virago, £6.95).
Intercourse by Andrea Dworkin (Arrow, £3.50).
Charting The Journey edited by Grewal et al (Sheba, £7.95).
Mothers in the Fatherland edited by Claudia Koonz (Methuen, £8.50).
Reproductive Technologies edited by Michelle Stanworth (Polity Press, £8.50).
Turning the Tables: Recipes edited by Sue O'Sullivan (Sheba, £5.50).

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Children's novels are giving princes a bad Press and highlighting the 'resourceful', practical princess

Reviewing a fairly random pile of children's novels recently, I met again and again a feminine archetype as predictable, in her way, as a Mills & Boon heroine. She is brave, independent, resourceful, practical (though she prefers fighting dragons, scorning mundane domestic duties) and intelligent. She is part of a convention whereby girls must not be "shown up" as deficient, though boys may be, and where if two siblings feature in the story, the older, dominant one should be a girl and the younger, submissive one a boy.

I met this heroine again in a children's booklist, produced by Sisterwrite, the Islington women's co-operative bookshop. Here she is: "Princess Elizabeth, resourceful and determined, sets out to rescue Prince Ronald from the dragon. She does ... but he's ungrateful. Great stuff!"

A quick glance at the rest of the list confirms that princes get an indifferent Press these days. We have *The Wrestling Princess and Other Stories*, *The Clever Princess*, and *The Practical Princess and other Liberating Fairy Tales*. Sisterwrite assures us that in the last of these, "one of the first books in the current drive to reclaim traditional tales", the six heroines are "not only charming but *resourceful*" (my italics).

The list also specializes in titles like *When Megan Went Away* (for under-sevens): "A book for children of lesbian mothers, for the special hardships they may face."

Teenage girls are instructed in love minus men by *Happy Endings are All Alike*: "Janet and Peggy are in love but their happiness is threatened by a disturbed youth out for revenge because Janet refuses to go out with him ...". Or *Hey Dollface!*: "Strong and trusting relationship between two girls who love each other and see nothing wrong and everything logical in beginning to explore such a physical relationship ..."

This is not a list of "minority" publishers. Puffins are here, also books from Hodder, Heinemann, Bodley Head, Hamish Hamilton, OUP and Methuen. All the talent of the children's book world seems to be concentrated on producing a corpus of didactic literature to boost the ego of girls.

Sisterwrite underlines the didacticism by scrupulously warning us that, for example, one picture book is "very oriented toward the traditional white family set-up", and another has a "rather unfortunate male line-up on the cover".

The bookshop has worked hard to build up a young feminist's bibliography of wit and imagination. You have to admire the rise of the way-out grandmother: Sisterwrite has found outer-space grandmothers, monster grandmothers, a "dungaree-clad, tractor-mending [note the advance on mere tractor-driving, now very *passé*] grandmother", as well as simply anarchic grandmothers.

But there are only a few grains of comfort in the list for boys, such as *Boys Don't Knit* and *William's Doll*. Boys might not get many laughs out of *Raging Robots and Unruly Uncles*, by the sound of it: "About Prudence, the 'tomboy' who makes a robot to punish her villainous male cousins. Rib-tickling story for 9-11 year olds."

Last year a survey of children's reading habits from W.H. Smith indicated that young teenage boys are reading less than other age or sex groups. The booksellers complained, rather feebly it seemed at the time, of a shortage of quality modern equivalents to the "boy's own" stories of yore.

If someone has produced a quality booklist for boys, I would like to see it. But I suspect that so much energy and imagination is being channeled into spreading the feminist gospel that boys are missing out, and it is not surprising that they find books are becoming more and more "boring". After all, a quick browse through the Sisterwrite booklist must surely be enough to send any self-respecting William Brown off to buy a good peashooter with which to exact a terrible revenge.

Sarah Thompson

> The older, dominant sibling should be a girl

> It is not surprising that boys find books boring

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **KISS ME KATE:** Adrian Noble's RSC presentation with extra Cole Porter.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. £7.50-£20.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm. £7.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940:** New York comedy-thriller starring Simon Cadell, Tom Baker, Margaret Courtenay, Sheila Steafel and Maria Friedman: set in a country mansion cut off (you guessed) by snow.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich. Previews tonight and tomorrow 7.45pm. Opens Mon 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm. £3-£10.

☆ **ORLANDO** New musical by Kit Hesketh-Harvey and James McConnel based on the Woolf novel with the hero-heroine sung by baritone and mezzo. Five performances only of the 1987 Vivian Ellis prize winner.
Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, EC2. (01-628 2571) Tube Barbican/Moorgate/St Pauls. Tonight, tomorrow and Tues 7pm. mats Sat and Tues 2.30pm. £5.50.

☆ **THE TUTOR:** Drama by 18th century playwright Reinhold Lenz, adapted by Brecht; set in Prussia after the Seven Years War and directed by revered Brechtian actress, Angelica Hurwicz.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30pm and Sat 4-7pm. £4-£14.

☆ **WANTED:** Michelene Wandor tackles the theme of surrogate motherhood with a cast that includes the 89-year-old Sarah from the Bible.
Drill Hall, 16 Chenies Street, WC1 (01-637 8270). Tube: Goodge Street. Wed-Sun 8pm, £4.50-£5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . .

WORD-WATCHING
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DEONTOLOGY
(c) The theory of morality or ethics, from the Greek *deon* what ought to be done.

SCARIFIED
(c) Covered with scratches or flesh wounds, from the Greek *skarifaomai* I scratch like a fowl on a dungheap, and *skarphos* a stylus.

UXORIOUS
(a) Describing a man who is excessively fond of his wife, from the Latin *uxor* a wife; there appears to be no Latin-derived adjective for the reverse concept of a doting wife.

AD CRUMINAM
(b) *Argumentum ad cruminam* is an argument to the wallet, sc. an appeal to one's material interest, as in Budgets.

☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . .
☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

GUILDFORD: ☆ **Married Love:** New Peter Luke play about Marie Stopes, starring Susan Hampshire.
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook (0483 60191). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 5pm, £6.50-£10.

HULL: ☆ **Princess Ivona:** Actors Touring Co on tour with Witold Gombrowicz's splendidly sinister comedy about the fate of a plain princess.
Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 23638), Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £3.25.

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME: ☆ **Buried Alive:** New version of Arnold Bennett's comic tale of a shy painter who switches identities with his dead valet.
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road, Basford (0782 717962). Wed and Thurs 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, £3-£5.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **A Child in the Heart:** Joint Stock production of new play about young exiles recalling their homelands.
Crucible Theatre Studio, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ **BABY BOOM (PG):** Modish comedy about a power-hungry careerist (Diane Keaton) whose life is thrown haywire by the arrival of an apple-cheeked baby girl. Directed by Charles Shyer (111 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15. **Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.20.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline and Denzel Washington (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40, 11.45.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.20, 11.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

THE FOX AND THE HOUND (U): Visually glum but dramatically taut 1981 Disney cartoon, about the adventures of a fox cub (83 min).
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.05.

HOLLYWOOD SHUFFLE (15): Spoofs and sketches hung on the peg of a black actor trying to get on in Hollywood. High-spirited, if patchy; written, produced and directed by its star, Robert Townsend (82 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30.

THE LAST EMPEROR (15): Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model Communist citizen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.15, 4.00, 7.45, 11.45.

MOONSTRUCK (PG): Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicolas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director prize at the Berlin Film Festival for this comedy-drama (nominated for six Oscars) (102 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15.

NUTS (18): High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-defence. Is she sane enough to stand trial? With Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss (116 mins).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.10.

■ **SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME (15):** Ridley Scott's showy visual style dominates this police thriller, in which rookie Tom Berenger is assigned to protect a well-heeled witness to a brutal murder (106 min).
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45, 11.45.

STAKEOUT (15): Synthetic but spirited comedy-thriller with a dash of romance. Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez play wisecracking Seattle cops on a routine stakeout; John Badham directs (117 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.35, 7.10, 9.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.30, 11.15.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Prog 8.30.

■ **WHITE MISCHIEF (18):** Glossy account of cuckoldry and murder among Kenya's "Happy Valley" set in the Forties, with Greta Scacchi, Joss Ackland and Charles Dance. Michael Radford directs (105 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

WITHNAIL AND I (15): Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E Grant (107 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

CONCERTS

☆ **NATWEST PLEASURE:** In the "Classics for Pleasure" series Alessandro Pinzauti conducts the LPO in Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4 "Italian", Respighi's Adagio con Variazione, Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations (Raphael Wallfisch, cello), three dances from The Three-Cornered Hat by Falla and Mussorgsky's Night on the Bare Mountain.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £4.75.



Mezzo-soprano Elizabeth McCormack (above), winner of last year's Decca award at the Kathleen Ferrier competition, is a 23-year-old post-graduate student at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. As part of the opening festivities for the new RSAMD building, its own Chamber Choir and the ECO under Philip Ledger gather at the Queen Elizabeth Hall (see listing), to perform Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, in which McCormack makes her London début as Dido.

☆ **NEW ACADEMY:** See caption.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4.50-£8.50.

☆ **TRY TANG:** Muhai Tang conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in the William Tell Overture of Rossini, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto (Pierre Amoyal, soloist) and Shostakovich's Symphony No 15.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.50-£9.90.

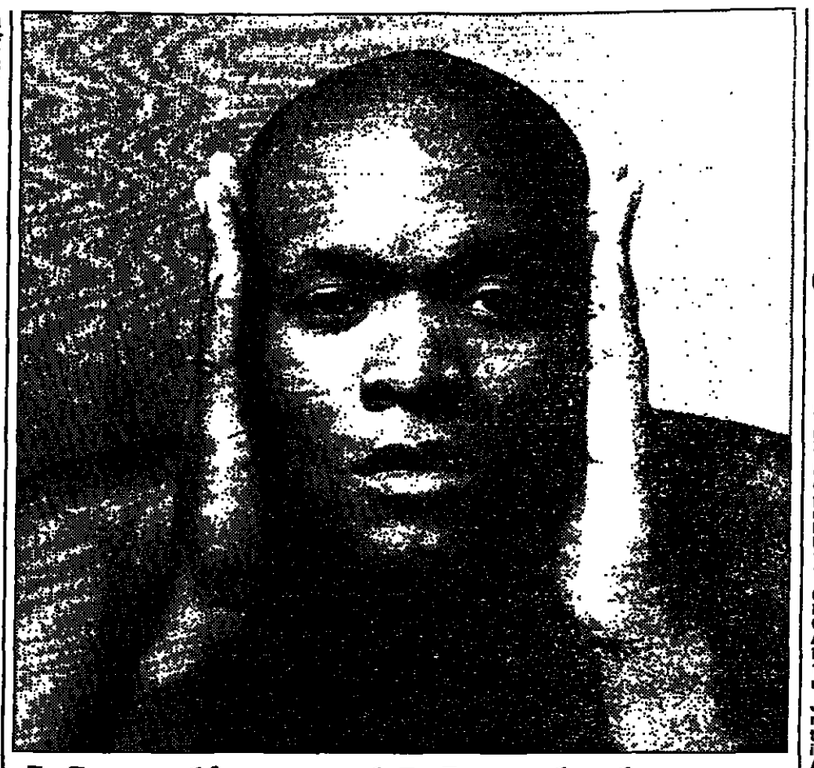
☆ **STEVENSON'S 60TH:** Patricia Rozario, soprano, John Ogdon, piano, Moray Welsh, cello, and many others celebrate Ronald Stevenson's 60th birthday by performing his Tagore Songs, Faust Fantasy, Fugue on a Chopin Fragment and Nine Haiku.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **SIXTEEN MONTEVERDI:** The Sixteen Choir, Orchestra and soloists are conducted by Harry Christophers in the second of three performances of Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610. There is another performance tomorrow.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £5-£12.

☆ **ALL BEETHOVEN:** Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the Tallis Chamber Choir, RPO and soloists in Beethoven's Christ on the Mount of Olives Cantata. But first he solos in and conducts Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.40pm, £3.50-£13.

OPERA

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Small scale but effective travelling production by Opera 80, now conducted by Stephen Barlow.
Civic Theatre, Parkgate, Darlington (0325 486555), 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£6.50.



Mortality and Mapplethorpe

The portrait of Donald Cann (above) taken by the superstar of American photography, Robert Mapplethorpe, exemplifies all that is brilliant in the work of this one-time chronicler of the New York beau-monde, now fast achieving a mainstream respectability. The subject, one of Mapplethorpe's favourite models, is tautly framed and set with an unerring sense of design within a square format. The composition is stark, the cold, even light dramatic and revealing. On the surface the photograph has all the ingredients of a coolly observed and deeply revered icon and yet it is more than this. It is a hymn to human perfectibility and mortality, themes which have haunted all of Mapplethorpe's work. Often his exploration of these themes has led to the explicit world of male homosexuality, which many find repugnant. But Mapplethorpe has a further claim to attention as a superb photographer of flowers, often single blooms which have passed their prime, linking in to the theme of mortality. Mapplethorpe Portraits, including Donald Cann, Norman Mailer, Andy Warhol and Truman Capote, are at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martins Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552) Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 2pm-6pm, £1, until June 19. Mapplethorpe's Still-life Photographs are on show at Hamiltons Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London W1 (01-499 9493) Monday to Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, free, until April 23. *Michael Young*

DANCE

☆ **SYMPHONIC VARIATIONS:** Ashton's master works for the Royal Ballet given with two comedies. Birtley's new *Penguin Cafe* and Robbins's *The Concert*.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922) 7.30-9.45pm, £5.50-18.50.

☆ **SEA OF TROUBLES:** Kenneth MacMillan's new Hamlet ballet and other new works by Dance Advance.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street, Winchester (0962 63210), 7.45pm, £3.50-£5.50 (two for price of one).

JAZZ

☆ **TOMMY CHASE QUINTET:** Hard bop drumming à la Art Blakey.
Cambridge Modern Jazz Club, Flambards, Rose Crescent, Cambridge, 8pm, £5.

☆ **RED RODNEY:** Although his tour is sub-titled "Bird Lives!" Charlie Parker's former trumpeter rations the bebop standards in favour of more contemporary styles, helped by altoist Peter King.
West End Centre, Queen's Road, Aldershot (0252 330040) 8pm.

☆ **GUILDHALL BIG BAND:** Students from the Guildhall School of Music are joined by the pianist John Taylor and vocalist Norma Winstone.
The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes (0908 582522) 8pm, £3.50.

ROCK

☆ **MAGNUM/KINGDOM COME:** UK hard-rock veterans Magnum have made an impressive dent in the Top 40 with "Days Of No Trust", but will the group be upstaged by the fearsome Led Zeppelin sound-alike Kingdom Come?
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50, for two nights.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:

1	(1)	The Last Emperor
2	(2)	Someone to Watch Over Me
3	(—)	Baby Boom
4	(3)	Stakeout
5	(4)	Fatal Attraction
6	(9)	Cry Freedom
7	(7)	Withnail and I
8	(6)	White Mischief
9	(5)	Nuts
10	(10)	Babette's Feast

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OUTSIDE LONDON:

1	Fatal Attraction
2	Stakeout
3	The Last Emperor
4	Nuts
5	White Mischief

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UNITED STATES:

1	(—)	Police Academy V
2	(1)	Good Morning Vietnam
3	(—)	D.O.A.
4	(2)	Vice Versa
5	(3)	Masquerade
6	(5)	Moonstruck
7	(7)	Three Men & a Baby
8	(4)	Off Limits
9	(8)	Frantic
10	(8)	Shoot to Kill

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VIDEO RENTALS:

1	Platoon
2	Blind Date
3	Raw Deal
4	Hamburger Hill
5	Superman IV

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☆ **S.E. ROGIE:** "Palm wine" guitarist from Sierra Leone who enjoyed hits in Africa and Europe during the Sixties.
Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £5.

☆ **PINTO BENNETT & THE FAMOUS MOTEL COWBOYS:** Country singer/songwriter from Idaho who cites Hank Williams, Lefty Frizell and Buck Owens as his influences.
North Peckham Civic Centre, 600-608 Old Kent Road, London SE15 (01-703 2917) 8pm, £2.50-£4.

GALLERIES

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION: Fifty Old Master paintings from one of the world's greatest private collections, presented by *The Times*.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). Daily 10am-6pm, £3 (concessions and Sun mornings, £2, under-18s, £1.50), until June 12.

PRINTING IS EASY: An exhibition of 100 dazzling posters made by printmaking workshops around the country since 1970.
Rochdale Art Gallery, Esplanade, Rochdale (0706 342154), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Wed 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until April 16.

GERHARD RICHTER: "The London Paintings" by a contemporary German expressionist.
Anthony d'Offray, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 9.

JOHN EARDLEY: Paintings and related drawings commemorating the 25th anniversary of this important Scottish artist's death.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041 357 3929). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, free, until April 30.

TROPICAL FORESTS FOR SALE: An emotive environmental issue explored in paintings by Elena Samperi and sculpture by Marisa Rueda.
Art Space Gallery, 84 St Peter's Street, London N1 (01-359 7002), Tues-Sat 2-7pm, free, until April 6.

OTHER EVENTS

AUSTRALIA IN OXFORD: Two exhibitions open today to accompany the already-opened *The Visual Image*. They contain unique historical records on a theme of the changing image of Australia and perceptions of the Australian environment, geography and Aboriginal population over the past 200 years.
University Museum, Park Road, Oxford *(The Natural History of Australia)*. Mon-Sat 12 noon-5pm, free, until March 1989.
Pitt Rivers Museum (through University Museum). (*The First Australians*). Mon-Sat 1-4.30pm, free, until March 1989.
Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street (*The Visual Image*) Mon 2-4pm, Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, free, until April 27. (0865 270927).

SALE OF COINS, MEDALS AND NUMISMATIC BOOKS: A rare Charles I "Unite" coin minted in Bristol in 1645 with an original face value of £1 should sell for between £15,000-£20,000 today.
Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080). Today 10.30am.

SALE OF 19TH-CENTURY PICTURES: Artists include Albert Anker, John William Waterhouse, Ferdinand Joseph Gueldry, Thomas Faed, Frank Cadogan Cowper and Albert Joseph Moore.
Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060). Today 10.30am.

WALKS

SOHO — LONDON'S MOST COLOURFUL VILLAGE: meet Leicester Square tube, 2.30pm, £3.

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Fri).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Fri).

TALKS

PAINTINGS OF THE ANNUNCIATION: Gallery lecture by Colin Wiggins.
The National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

PAINT, HOLY PAINT!: Lecture by Alan Gouk on Hans Hofmann — a painter's response.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

GARDENS

ARGYLL: Glenfeochan House, Kilmore, by Oban, 5m S of Oban at head of Loch Feochan on A816; walled garden, herbaceous borders, herbs, spring bulbs, rhododendrons, tender flowering shrubs, carpets of bulbs. Plants for sale. Daily 10am-6pm, until Oct 31, £1 (child 20p).

BERKSHIRE: The Old Rectory, Burghfield, 5m SW of Reading; turn S off A4 to Burghfield; medium-sized garden, herbaceous and shrub borders, many rare plants from China and Japan; old fashioned cottage plants; Wed March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug 31 and Oct 26, 11-4pm; also by written appointment, 50p (child 30p).

DEVON: Shallowford Lodge, Great Torrington, ½m E of Torrington on B3227; small woodland garden, flowering shrubs, bulbs, primulas, and other rare plants; peat garden. Plants for sale. Fri, Sat and Sun 11am-6pm, 50p (child 25p), until May 29.

DORSET: Chiffchaffs, Chaffeymoor, 3m E of Wincanton off A303 at end of Bourton village to lane signed Chaffeymoor; many interesting plants, bulbs, shrubs and herbaceous plants. March 27 and 28; also April 3, 6, 17, 18, 20; May 1, 4, 15, 16, 18, 29, 30; June 1, 19, 20; July 10, 11, and 13, 2-5.30pm, 50p (child 25p).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe on A46, N of Cheltenham, ½m SE of Winchcombe; formal garden, mixed border, old roses, formal pools. Daily from Apr 1, 11am-5.30pm, £2 (child £1.25) until Oct 31.

GWYNEDD: Plas Newydd, Llanfairpwll, Anglesey, 1m SW of Llanfairpwll and A5, on A4080 to Brynsiencyn; turn off A5 at W end of Britannia Bridge; fine spring garden and parkland. Daily (except Sat) 12-5pm, but 11am-5pm in July and Aug; Oct 7-30, Fri and Sun only, 12-5pm. House and garden £1.90 (child 50p), garden only £1 (child 50p); parking ¼m.

KENT: Weeks Farm, Egerton Forstal, 3½m E of Headcorn. 1½ acre garden on heavy weald clay, showing adaption of badly drained site; mixed borders, great horticultural interest; Wed March 30, Sun June 12 and July 3, 2-6pm; 75p (child 25p).

SUSSEX: Denmans, Denmans Lane, Fontwell; Chichester-Arundel 5m, turn S on A27 at Denmans Lane W of Fontwell racecourse; plantsman's garden, all year interest; glass areas for tender species. Daily (except Mon) 10am-6pm, £1.40 (child 80p) March 29-Oct 30.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

STRATFORD FESTIVAL: Booking open for Janet Baker, Larry Adler, Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, and Stephane Grappelli. Also opening concert by CBSO with Bryden Thomson. July 12-31.
RSC Box Office (0789 295623) and **Arts Centre,** Warwick University (0203 417417).

FLEETWOOD MAC: Booking open for concerts. May 18, 19, 21, 22.
Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

OPERA NORTH AT HULL: Booking for productions of *Carmen, Tosca* and *Fidelio*. May 17-21.
New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull (0482-226655).

LAST CHANCE

ENTERTAINING STRANGERS: Last performances of David Edgar play, directed by Peter Hall, with Sally Dexter, Hazel Ellerby and Corinna Marlowe.
National Theatre, (Cottesloe) South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Ends tomorrow.

CELEBRITY CHOICE: Paintings and sculptures chosen by 12 celebrities, including Janet Baker, Roald Dahl and Shirley Conran; works by Gwen John, Peter Blake and Lucian Freud.
DLI Museum and Arts Centre, Durham (091 384 2214). Until Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Gardens:** Roy Hay; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 9 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Ton't 7.30 **Billy Budd.** Tomor 7.30 **Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci.**

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Leon Errol in *Uninvited Blonde* (b/w). 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring 061-814 0424. 9.20 Kilroy!
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). 10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r), and The Adventures of Spot (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A reading by Rudolph Walker 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Susan Rae and Bob Wellings
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. Helen makes a decision about her future.
1.50 Film: On Moonlight Bay (1951) starring Doris Day and Gordon Macrae. Comedy musical, set in the 1910s, about a staid banker who decides he needs to marry-off his tomboy daughter and move to a more respectable neighbourhood. Directed by Roy del Ruth 3.25 Cartoon 3.40 Ask Margo. Margo MacDonald with citizens' rights advice.
3.50 Corners. Young people's questions answered. 4.10 SuperTed (r). 4.15 Jackanory. Brian Cant with part five of *The Hermit and the Bear*, by John Yeoman 4.30 Knock Knock. Game show
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Jossy's Giants. Episode four of a five-part story about a young football team (r). (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Song for Europe introduced by Terry Wogan. Viewers vote for the song they want to represent the United Kingdom in this year's *Eurovision Song Contest* to be held in Dublin at the end of next month. (simultaneous broadcast on stereo Radio 2)
7.40 Every Second Counts. Comedy quiz show
8.15 Dynasty. Alexis plans a charity event that will hamper Blake's political ambitions; Adam decides to tell the press about his brother's football team's off-the-pitch activities; and Sean learns something about Dana that he prepared to use for his own evil ends. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 A Song for Europe. Terry Wogan announces the name of the song that will represent the United Kingdom in the *Eurovision Song Contest*.
9.45 World Figure Skating Championships from Budapest featuring the men's free programme.
10.25 Film: A Case of Deadly Force (1986) starring Richard Crenna and John Shea. A made-for-television drama about a black woman who is trying to clear her dead husband's name after he is killed by two policemen. Directed by Michael Miller. (Ceefax)
11.55 Super Night of Rock 'n' Roll introduced by Howard Hesseman. Among those appearing are Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, the Rolling Stones and Bill Haley (r).
1.30am Weather

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Science — Energy to Go Round. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.
9.30 Daytime on Two: two Scottish writers, Liz Lochhead and William McIlvanney, talk about how they started 9.52 Part 10 of *Geordie Racer* 10.15 The ecology around Loch Leven at different times of the year 10.38 Teachers' programme on fighting racism 11.00 *Chicken and Egg* — a story for children 11.18 Logo 11.35 The senses — taste, touch and smell 12.00 Three books that are exciting and moving 12.35 Why are some people more competitive than others? 1.05 French teenagers talk about cuisine 1.20 For the young 1.38 Stories about schools 2.00 News and weather followed by a young children's series.
2.15 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r).
2.20 Sport on Friday introduced by David Icke featuring the World Ice Skating Championships in Budapest. Includes news and weather at 3.00.
3.50 News and weather.
4.00 Friday Report: Members Only. Glyn Worsnip visits two of the three football clubs who have banned away visitors in an effort to combat violence on the terraces — Luton and Colchester — to see if the scheme has worked (r).
4.35 Life File. Kay Alexander reports on cancer screening for women (first shown on BBC Midlands).
5.05 My Music. A lighthearted music quiz presented by Steve Race. With Ian Wallace, Denis Norden, Frank Muir and John Amis (r).
5.30 Twirling the Edge. A profile of Bobby Halket of Stoke-on-Trent, the holder of the Britain's Champion Market Trader title (r).
6.00 Film: Woman in Green (1945, b/w) starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. Sherlock Holmes investigates the murders of defenceless young women. The clues to the identity of the murderer point to his old adversary, Professor Moriarty. Directed by Roy William Neill.



Pattie Coldwell: BBC2, 7.30pm

7.10 Give Us This Day Our Daily Lunch. A documentary about the personalized luncheon service enjoyed by almost half of Bombay's two-and-a-half million workers (r).
7.30 On the House. Home refurbishment series presented by Pattie Coldwell. This week, advice on replacing joists and floorboards; and installing recessed eyeball spotlights.
8.00 I'd Sooner Be a Crooner. The story of Graham Dalby and his band of young musicians — the Grahamophones — who try to keep alive the style and music of the 1930s big bands.
8.30 Gardeners' World presented by Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank from the Institute of Horticultural Research, Littlehampton.
9.00 French and Saunders. Dawn and Jennifer in another selection of comedy sketches, aided and abetted by Raw Sex and, this week, Ben Elton and Ian Sears. (Ceefax)
9.30 Arena: The English Thoroughbred. (see Choice)
10.45 Newsnight.
11.30 Scene Play Special: Two of Us, by Leslie Stewart. A drama about two teenage boys coming to terms with their sexuality. Starring Lee Whitlock and Jason Rush.
12.30am Weather

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6.00 TV-am includes Good Morning Britain, incorporating news, financial news, sport, travel and weather information, at 6.30 and 8.00 for half-an-hour. After Nine includes Russell Grant's astrology slot.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Lucky Ladders. Word game show presented by Lennie Bennett 10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . A discussion on sleep. The guests include Leo Sayer, John Humphrys and Jayne Irvine 11.10 Rainbow (r). 11.25 Thames news headlines.
11.30 Threescore Years and Then? In this final programme of the series older people describe how to treat retirement as a time of opportunity 12.00 Gas Street. Music and chat show presented by Suzi Quatro.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville 12.50 Thames news.
1.00 What's My Line? Penelope Keith with another edition of the odd occupations panel game 1.30 Man in a Suitcase. McGill meets danger when investigating a senior civil servant's romantic attachment to an adventuress (r).
2.30 In Loving Memory. Vintage comedy series about a family firm of Yorkshire undertakers (r). 3.00 Gems. Rag trade serial set in London 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Revolting Animals. Today's story features Harold the Rhinoceros 4.10 The Moomins. Episode 19 (r). 4.20 Bros. . .The Story So Far. A profile of the successful pop group 4.45 Splash presented by Michael Groth, Nino Firetto and, for the last time, Lisa Maxwell. This edition includes a review of the new Steven Spielberg's film *Empire of the Sun*.
5.15 Connections. Quiz game show presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 The Price Is Right. Game show introduced by Leslie Crowther.
8.00 A Kind of Living. The final episode of the sitcom starring Richard Griffiths, Frances de la Tour and Tim Healy. It is the time for the baby's christening but with Beasley's father and Carol's mother on the scene nothing goes according to plan. With Robin Bailey and Elizabeth Spriggs.
8.30 Watching. Comedy love story starring Paul Bown, Emma Wray and Liza Tarbuck.
9.00 The Professionals: No Stone. The CI5 agents investigate the link between a terrorist group and the deaths of a judge, a clerk of court and a QC. Starring Gordon Jackson, Martin Shaw and Lewis Collins (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall 10.30 LWT Weather.
10.35 The London Programme: London's Skyline. An investigation into what the capital's skyline will look like in the year 2000. Presented by Trevor Phillips.
11.05 South of Watford. This last programme of the series presented by John Lloyd examines the effect of the avant-garde on the mainstream *South of Watford* catchment area.
11.35 Ice Skating. The World Figure Championships from Budapest featuring the men's free and the ladies' short programmes.
12.30am Grand Prix at Gleneagles. Highlights of a shooting competition organized by Jackie Stewart, the proceeds of which are destined for an east London boys' club.
1.00 Night Network includes videos, live music and competitions
4.00 Basketball '88. Louisville v North Carolina State.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: children talk about the death of pets 9.42 Gilbert White's 1751 observation of Selbourne in spring 9.59 Voting in a general election for the first time 10.21 Experiments in A-level chemistry 10.43 GCSE pupils examine man's interaction with the environment 11.05 Children talk about the parts they played in a short television film 11.22 How posters and pictures are printed 11.41 Uses of computers
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Abracadabra. Part 11 of the 13-programme children's series presenting science and technology subjects in an entertaining way explores the development of the tools that enable man to build beneath the surface of the earth and examines the importance of tunnels and the role of mining (r).
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational series for pre-school children. The guests are the Pointer Sisters.
2.00 The Parliament Programme. Reporters James Mate and Jackie Ashley review yesterday's debates in both Houses and look forward to those scheduled for today.
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster, introduced by Brough Scott. The Haywards Pickle Stakes (2.35); the Leger Way Handicap Stakes (3.05); the Doncaster Town Plate (3.35); and the Will Scott Handicap (4.10).
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game. The questionmaster is William G. Stewart.
5.00 Ice Skating. The World Figure Championships from Budapest.
5.30 The Chart Show part one.
6.00 Dick Spanner. The final episode of the animated adventure *The Strange Affair of the Maltese Parrot* (r).
6.30 The Chart Show part two.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Professor John Carey discusses a new study of the political reformer Tom Paine by the philosopher A. J. Ayer.
8.00 What the Papers Say with Ann Leslie of *The Daily Mail*.
8.15 Dispatches. A documentary examining how the big unions present themselves to potential new employers in contests to sign single-union deals. The programme includes a record of four of Britain's biggest unions making their pitches for a single-union agreement to a German-owned company who are building a new £15 million car component factory in Scunthorpe that will employ 300 workers; and looks at the effect that the cut-throat competition for single union and strike-free deals is having on the unions. Philip Bassett, labour editor of the *Financial Times*, and author of the book *Strike-Free*, reports on the conflicts which this week have split the unions.
9.00 The Cosby Show. Award-winning American domestic comedy series. (Oracle)
9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? The fifth of six programmes in which Philip Wood and David Wilson visit private Ulster gardens. Tonight they visit the garden of Bernadette and John O'Hagan in Littlebridge near Cookstown in Co Tyrone. (Oracle)
10.00 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar. This week Frasier discovers that the new businesslike bar manager was a bit of a party girl during her college days but Cliff is more concerned with the news that his neighbourhood is being knocked down to make way for a shopping centre. (Oracle)
10.30 Friday Night Live presented by Ben Elton. The guests include comedy duo Hunter & Docherty; comedian Patrick Marber, making his television debut; an old-fashioned variety act, Terri Carol; and Robbie Coltrane with American comedienne Judy Tenuta. Music is provided by Barrence Whitfield and the Savages and Gillan and Glover.
11.45 After Dark. Open ended chat show presented by John Underwood. Tonight's subject is the Iran/Iraq conflict, with guests giving views from both sides as well as from a neutral viewpoint.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 10.25 Sportsdesk 10.30 Film: A Case of Deadly Force 12.20am Super Night of Rock and Roll 1.55 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Doteman 6.25pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.25 Left, Right and Centre 10.55-11.35 Boxing: Scottish ABA Championships NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 1.30am-1.35 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 6.00pm Public Account 6.30-6.55 Gardening Together SCOTLAND: 6.00pm-6.30 Natural Selection NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-10.35 Ulster in Focus 6.00pm-6.30 Mastermind ENGLAND: 6.00pm-6.30 East: Hears and Graces; Midlands: Boating Butler; North and North-east: North of Westminster; South: South on Two; South-west: The Monk and the Honeybee; West: My Politics (William Waldegrave); North-west: 5.30pm-6.00 Sportsround 6.00pm-6.30 Now!

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: All for Mary' 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.35-11.35 Cross Question.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: An Alligator Named Daisy' 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Unions and the League 11.05 Ice Skating 12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Rails into Laramie' 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 Central Weekend 12.00 Other Side of Midnight 12.30am Film: Death of Ocean View Park 2.20 Roxy 2.50 America's Top Ten 3.20 Europe's Top Ten 3.50 A for Agnetha 4.20 Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Scramble! 2.30-3.00 Week in View 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Scramble! 10.35 Who's the Boss? 11.05 Ice Skating 12.00 Other Side of Midnight 12.30am Film: Death of Ocean View Park 2.20 Roxy 2.50 America's Top 10 3.20 Europe's Top 10 3.45 UB40 in Concert 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Sunrise 2.30-3.00 Who's the Boss? 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 A Sleeping Beauty 11.05 Ice Skating 12.00 Little Gloria...Happy at Last 1.55am Starring the Actors 2.25 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.35 First Things First 11.05-12.00 Glamorgan 100 Not Out.

TSW As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Against a Crooked Sky 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Friday Show 6.50-7.00 Televiews 10.35 Shelley 11.05 Ice Skating 12.00 Film: Smile, Jenny, You're Dead 1.35am Close

TVS As London except:12.50pm News 1.00 The Treatment 1.30 Falcon Crest 2.30 Write Stuff 3.00 What's my Line? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Taste of the South 10.35 Facing South 11.05 Ice Skating 12.00-12.30am Tales From the Darkside 4.00 Close

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: The Delphi Bureau 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Extra Time 10.35-11.35 The Forum Presents 12.30am Three's Company 12.40-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 1.30-3.00 Film: Silver Lode 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sportsbeat 10.35 Witness 10.40-11.35 A People's Passion 12.00 Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Million Pound Note' 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Intoview 10.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.05 Ice Skating 12.00 Roxy 12.30am Film: Christina 2.15 Jobfinder 3.15 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Fifteen to One 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Parliament Programme 2.30 Racing 4.30 Brivision 4.35 Antunwyr y Path 5.00 Figure Skating 5.30 Chart Show 6.00 Dick Spanner 6.30 Chart Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Cyfle Byw 8.30 Carreg Atob 8.55 Y Byd ar Bedwar 9.35 Film: Lamb 11.55 After Dark 2.45am Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:2.05pm The Brothers 3.00 'Live' at Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay 4.50 Newsline 5.15 A Little Princess 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Play the Game 7.00 Evening Extra 7.30 Room Outside 8.00 Never the Twain 8.30 On the Town 9.00 News 9.30 Late Late Show 11.30 News 11.35 Film: I am a Camera.

RTE 2 Starts:2.00pm Snooker 5.10 Sons and Daughters 5.35 Film: Fighting Prince of Donegal 7.30 Snooker 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Sportsworld 9.35 Mystery Theatre 10.30 Newsnight 10.50 Snooker 11.50 Closedown.



Racehorse breeder Rohaise Thomas-Everard, with mare Dolly: The English Thoroughbred, on BBC2, 9.30pm

The sport of kings — and of sheikhs

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Viewers should be warned that Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) contains explicit scenes of sexual intercourse, though since the participants are horses it seems unlikely that the BBC switchboard will be jammed with complaints. The sequence forms part of Mary Dickinson's film, *The English Thoroughbred*, a celebration of horse racing from its invention by the landed gentry in the 18th century. It still has strong traces of those aristocratic origins, as the accents in the film testify. But breeding and owning racehorses has become so expensive that the sport of kings is fast becoming the sport of sheikhs. Since all today's thoroughbreds are descended from three Arabian stallions, the shift of power back to the Middle East has a nice irony. The film is a tapestry rather than a chronology, interweaving the contributions of breeders, owners, trainers and jockeys with footage of old classic races being described by the inevitable Peter O'Sullevan.

Mr and Mrs Henry Cecil make particularly good copy and representing new generation of owners is His Highness Skeikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum. Walter Swinburn demonstrates the classic English style of riding. The man from the Jockey Club explains how "very daringly", the club decided to abandon a policy that had stood for centuries and admit women. As this was 10 years ago, and there are still only half a dozen female members, perhaps it was not so daring after all. This is a splendid film, specialized enough to hold the interest of the racing enthusiast while appealing to the vast army of the uncommitted who have a flutter once a year on the Derby and derive most of their knowledge of the sport from the thrillers of Dick Francis.

Peter Waymark

Back to the island

RADIO CHOICE

● If it *had* to be a woman to take over *Desert Island Discs* from Michael Parkinson, Sue Lawley would have been my third choice. First choice would have been June Knox-Mawer; and the second, Sue MacGregor. But all this is academic now because Lawley it is. And Lawley it will continue to be — presumably until such time as someone starts making the same absurd comparisons with Roy Plomley that bedevilled Parkinson's two and bit years as the castaways' companion. Parkinson's approach was the newsman's. Plomley was the charming host, just about to decant the after-dinner port. Sue Lawley radiates confidence and authority: she would have been exactly the right person to supervise the evacuation of the Titanic. She also has warmth, but does not make a meal of it. All those qualities were in good working order when Lawley was the castaway in the Michael Parkinson edition of *Desert Island Discs* last November which BBC Radio are putting out again this morning (Radio 4, 9.05). And they are still intact when she makes her debut as Parkinson's successor on Sunday (Radio 4, 12.15pm). I have listened to the way she handles her first castaway, Lord Hailsham, and she does it admirably. Not only do her questions cleverly set both the scene and the tone for his replies (a time-saving device that other interviewers could study to their, and our, advantage), but she also encourages him to break merrily into song on two occasions.



Sue Lawley: Desert Island Discs, Radio 4, 9.05am

Peter Davalle



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Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Nicky Campbell 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Singled Out (Mike Read) 7.00 Jeff Young's Dance Music Show 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (with Tommy Vance). FM Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Liz Allen 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 A Song for Europe: the eight finalists for this year's UK entry to the Eurovision Song Contest 7.40 Friday Night is Music Night 9.00 The Organist Entertains 9.40 A Song for Europe: the UK winner 10.00 Serenade (Langham Orchestra with singer Cynthia Glover) 10.30 The Grumbleweeds 11.00 Billy Butler 1.00am Steve Madden 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Write On... 7.45 Seven Seas 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Virtuoso 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Cannery Row 10.00 News 10.01 Juke Box Dury 10.15 Seven Seas 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Talking From... 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Business Matters 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Reluctant Debutante 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science in Action 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Northern Ireland 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Business Matters 9.45 Augustus Carp Esq By Himself 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Letter from Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From the Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Personal View 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Juke Box Dury 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 News 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Business Matters 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: 18th Century political prints 6.55 News bulletin and weather forecast
7.00 Morning Concert: Wagner (The Flying Dutchman overture: New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Leonard Bernstein); Spohr (Spring Creed: Song of the Water Sprite; To Rosa Maria; Lullaby, Op 72: Mitsuko Shiral, soprano with Hartmut Höll, piano); Liszt transcription of Wagner (Spinning Song, from Flying Dutchman: Jorge Bolet, piano) 7.30 News
7.35 Concert (continued): Handel (Trio-Sonata in B flat, Op 2 No 3: London Baroque); Biber (Sonata No 11 in A: Parley of Instruments); Mozart (Cassation in G, K 63: Jean-Francois Paillard CO); Vaughan Williams (Six Studies in English Folk Song: Daniel Smith, bassoon; Roger Vignoles, piano); Delius (Dance Rhapsody No 2: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Strauss. Four Last Songs (Felicity Lott, soprano, and Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi); Duet Concertino (Manfred Weise, clarinet; Wolfgang Liebscher, bassoon; Dresden State Orchestra under Rudolf Kempe); Malven (Jessye Norman, soprano, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano); and Memorial waltz; München (LPO under Norman del Mar)
9.35 Debussy Piano Music: Howard Shelley plays Images: Series 1 and 2
10.05 Paganini: Jean-Jacques Kantorow (violin) with Anthea Gifford (guitar). Sonatas Nos 9 to 11. Cersone di sonate
10.40 Lucia Popp: Schubert songs recorded by the soprano, including Der Knabe; Der Wanderer (Schlegel); Die Gebüsche; Der Schmetterling; Fülle; Der Jüngling an der Quelle; and Der Einsame
11.15 Couperin le Grand: Christopher Farr (harpsichord) plays Ordre No 8 in B minor
11.55 BBC Welsh SO under Howard Williams, with Martin Roscoe (piano), Miriam Bowen (soprano), and David Wilson-Johnson (baritone). Strauss's Burleske in D minor; Nielsen's Symphony No 3
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Manchester Chamber Music: Coull String Quartet (with Allan Schiller, piano) perform Rubbra's String Quartet No 2, and Bridge's Piano Quintet in D minor
2.00 Edmund Rubbra Symphonies: The No 9, Sinfonia Sacra. Also, The Morning Watch, Op 55: Improvisation, Op 99. BBC Concert Orchestra, under Richard Hickox, with Andrew Watkinson (violin), Paula Bott (soprano), Delia Jones (mezzo) and Stephen Roberts (baritone)
3.20 Artis String Quartet: Mozart's Quartet in B flat, K 589; and Zemlinsky's Quartet No 2, Op 15
4.20 Telemann's Table Music: (1) The Ouverture and Conclusion in E minor. Performed by Concerto Amsterdam under Frans Bruggen, with Frans Vester and Joost Tromp (flutes), Anner Bylsma (cello), and Jaap Schröder (violin)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Fritz Spiegl
6.30 The Herd Instinct: John Fordham presents more recordings by the clarinettist and band leader Woody Herman
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 Third Ear: Christopher Cook in conversation with William Goldman about the script he wrote for the movie The Princess Bride
7.30 Palestrina: Choir of King's College, Cambridge, under Philip Ledger perform Hodie Christus natus est
8.00 Whose is the Kingdom? The sixth in a sequence of nine plays about the Church and State under the Roman Empire. Written by John Arden and Margaretta D'Arcy. Tonight: Nicaea. With Elizabeth Spriggs (as the storyteller, Kybele), Michael N Harbour (Constantine), Timothy West (Bishop Hosius) and Steven Hodson (Eumolpus)
9.15 Garden Concert: Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, under Jeffrey Tate. With Gordon Hunt (oboe). Schreker (Chamber Symphony for 23 instruments); Strauss (Oboe Concerto); Elgar (Falstaff symphonic study). Includes an interval reading at 10.05
11.00 Composers of the Week: Josquin. Recordings of the Missa Pange lingua, with the liturgical chants for the feast of Corpus Christi (r)
12.00 News bulletin 12.05 Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News, 6.45 Business News, 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.00, 8.00 News, 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament, 8.50 Letters, 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's castaway is Sue Lawley, Parkinson's successor as presenter of the programme (r) (see Choice)
9.45 Flashback: Novelist Joseph Hone revisits Egypt: The Banquet at Saqqara (r)
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Won't Somebody up There Listen?, by Anne Hay. Read by Alan Cumming
10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 21 (s)
11.00 News; The Radio 4 Generation: As a climax to Radio 4's Time for Age week, Nick Ross chairs a discussion between a group of young people aged 18-23 and a group over retirement age who exchange perceptions of age, their generation and relationships
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: with Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: presented by Gillian Reynolds. The projected items include a feature on Asian mothers and daughters; and Chinese cave explorers. Plus the twelfth episode of Out of the Shetter, by David Lodge. Read by Trevor Nichols
3.00 News; The Image of God: Third of five English Mystery Plays by David Buck. With Denis Quilley (as God), John Rowe (Jesus), Peter Jeffrey, David Buck (as Herod), Robert Eddison, John Shrapnel and Annette Crosbie (as Mary Magdalen). Today, The Image of Man (includes Herod's massacre of the innocents, and the raising of Lazarus (r)
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 Nation of Shopkeepers: John Waite reports on five small businesses. (2) A Greengrocer's in Fulham (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: another chance to hear last night's edition, which included comment on the National Portrait Gallery exhibition of photographs by Mapplethorpe; and the film Making Mr Right (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team with travel and transport news
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Archers: all the latest news from Ambridge
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights from the week's television and radio programmes
8.20 Any Questions?: Jonathan Dimbleby with Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young of Graffham; Opposition Trade and Industry spokesman Tony Blair MP; Alan Coren, Editor, The Listener; and lecturer Joan Phylacton. A live transmission from Goff's Oak, Hertfordshire
9.05 Stop Press (new series): Geoffrey Goodman presents a personal review of the week's newspapers
9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: John Baxter reports from the 1988 Adelaide Festival and assesses the state of the arts in Australia generally
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Memoirs of a Midget, by Walter de la Mare (final part). Read by Janet Maw
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by David Seils
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Royce Mills
12.00 News incl 12.20 Weather
FM As above except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools. 11.00 Earth Search 11.20 Playtime 11.35 Music Workshops 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 Let's Join In 2.25 The Song Tree 2.40 Scottish Traditional Dancing 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 12.30-1.00am Schools Night-Time: Secondary English

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; World Service: MF648kHz/463m.

Bail set at £½m for former stockbrocker

By David Sapsted

Mr Anthony Parnes, a former City stockbroker, appeared in a London court yesterday on 19 charges alleging theft and deception involving £13 million connected with the Guinness takeover of the Distillers group. Bail was set at £500,000.

Mr Parnes, who had been held in a Californian prison since October pending an extradition hearing, flew back to Britain yesterday and was arrested by Scotland Yard fraud squad officers at Heathrow.

Accompanied by his legal advisers and looking suntanned and relaxed in a pinstriped suit, Mr Parnes, aged 42, was taken in a police car to Bow Street.

After a 45-minute hearing, the magistrate, Mr Ronald Bartle, granted him bail under the terms of a 14-page agreement. He will appear again on April 12 with other defendants in the Guinness affair.

Bail sureties of £250,000 each were put up by Mr Parnes's father-in-law, Mr Leslie Ratner, chairman of the chain of jewellery stores, and by a company director, Mr Keith Freedman.

During the hearing, he faced five theft charges alleging that, between June 3, 1986, and November of that year, he stole £3.35 million, £2.875 million, £1.495 million, £1.94 million and £3.41 millionfrom Guinness.

Four false accounting charges alleged that between the same dates Mr Parnes, whose address was given as Maida Vale, north London, falsified invoices from four companies all saying that work had been carried out for Guinness. The four concerns were Erlanger and Co Inc, Pima Service Corp, Compagnie Internationale de Finance et Commerce, and Consultations et Investissements FA.

Another four charges alleged that he dishonestly obtained cheques by deception from Guinness to pay for advisory services from the four companies. A further two charges alleged that he dishonestly executed the cheques, and three charges of false representation claimed he produced invoices from the advisory companies leading Guinness to believe services had been carried out.

Finally, it was charged that on November 3, 1986, with a view to gain for Pima Service Corp, he dishonestly obtained a document from Guinness authorizing the payment of $4.8 million (about £3 million) — to Pima in San Francisco.

Mr Parnes, who was arrested by the FBI when he arrived in Los Angeles from Paris last October, is the sixth person — including the former Guinness chairman Mr Ernest Saunders, Sir Jack Lyons, Mr Gerald Ronson and Lord Spens — to have appeared in court connection with the Distillers takeover.

The bail agreement allows the former stockbroker to return to the US, but he must report daily to a UK consul, who will also hold his passport. His solicitor stressed that his return had been voluntary and that he had not known of criminal proceedings when he left Britain.



Mr Anthony Parnes, centre, flanked by police at Heathrow yesterday before being formally charged in connection with the Guinness takeover of Distillers.

Commons sketch

Armada upstages the odd squad

Every Thursday in the House of Commons there is an interlude known as Business Questions during which the in-house odd squad is given an opportunity to gallivant about the Chamber, yelping and whooping, wearing their bizarre opinions like so many funny hats.

During Business Questions members are allowed to call for a debate on any matter, though frivolous or loopy issues seem to be the most favoured. Yesterday, three of the most gruesome Tories — Mr Eric Forth, Mr John Carlisle and Mr Neil Hamilton — stood, arms folded, at the edge of the Chamber, looking terrifyingly like bouncers outside a downtown brothel in deepest Miami. Normally, they would be the first to speak, demanding debates on, say, the Canonization of P.W. Botha, the introduction of corporal punishment onto the core curriculum or the abolition of the Labour Party. But today they were content to loiter and gossip while others took to the stage.

Mr John Stokes (Conservative, Halesowen and Stourbridge) is reminiscent of the type of Tory Member of Parliament who features in popular television comedy series but are, alas, dying out in real life. Getting on in years, moustachioed, a military man of some standing, forever raising issues of no small historical interest, an eyebrow continually raised at the excesses of the modern world, Mr Stokes is virtually alone of his kind on the Conservative benches, which are now populated largely by smooth young spivs with raucous laughs and purple handkerchiefs.

Mr Stokes wished to know what the Government would be doing to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. The country, he informed the House, would be lighting beacons from Plymouth to Berwick on Tweed, "but what will the Government be doing?" With the Peruvian Ambassador looking down from the public gallery, Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, whose job it is to field these requests, thought it best to discuss the matter with the Honourable Gentleman over a drink. Diplomats in the House breathed a sigh.

Up stood Mr David Winnick (Labour, Walsall North), who occupies a similar position in the history of the Houses of Parliament as Rodger the Dodger might occupy in the History of World Fiction. Always sitting within spitting distance of Mr Tam Dalyell, the whistleblower, Mr Winnick is himself rather more of a raspberry-blower. Complaining of our "publicity-crazy" Prime Minister and her litter-clearing activities, he wished to suggest that her ministers might spend all their time clearing litter "and that way they might cause less damage".

Next up was a young Conservative, calling for a debate on capital punishment, as young Conservatives are wont to do. All in good time, all in good time, was the gist of Mr Wakeham's reply. Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, continuing his celebrated impersonation of Private Fraser from BBC TV's *Dad's Army*, spoke of the doom that was nigh, with particular reference to the Scottish Nationalist Party's disruption of democracy. Surely their funds should be cut off, he argued, and SNP members, perhaps mishearing him, could be seen crossing their legs.

What a handbag was to Lady Bracknell, so is Bernard Ingham to Mr Tam Dalyell. With his eyebrows floating somewhere above his head, Mr Dalyell dangles Mr Ingham's name at the end of his fingers and flares his nostrils in disgust. His questions, though, lack some of Lady Bracknell's concision. Quoting a string of numbers and dates and unknown personages in forgotten departments, he eventually concluded, "Go and ask Mr Ingham what he did", but by this time even his most devoted readers had lost track of the plot.

It only remained for Mr Dennis Skinner to return to the important issue of the Prime Minister's litter, which, he claimed, had been specially scattered prior to the photo-opportunity. He wished to know whether the BBC would be asked to surrender all untransmitted footage of the event. Probably not, thought Mr Wakeham, probably not.

Craig Brown

Attack on Kurdish town

Iraqi PoWs admit use of gas

From Nicholas Beeston, Tehran

Captured Iraqi officers confirmed yesterday that Baghdad has chemical weapons and that their warplanes were responsible for killing and wounding thousands of Iraqi Kurds in chemical attacks on Wednesday last week.

At a news conference in Tehran, two senior officers said they saw bombers dump gas bombs on the town of Halabja.

"I saw with my own eyes the Iraqi warplanes come and use chemical bombs against the city," said Colonel Jaafar Mahmoud Hassan, who added that he might have died as well had he not been given a gas mask by his Iranian captors. He said that three planes took part in the noon raid and that they flew back towards bases at Baghdad and Kirkuk.

Another officer, Brigadier Mehdi Mustafa, told journalists that he was three and a half miles away from the town two hours later when three Iraqi jets made what appears to have been a second bombing run.

The officers volunteered the information when general questions were put to the 28 high-ranking prisoners of war. It was impossible to tell whether they had been coerced, although they appeared to be healthy and claimed they had been well treated.

The highest ranking captured officer, Major General Ali Hussein al-Gowi, confirmed that Iraq does have chemical weapons and said that they were either fired by artillery pieces or dropped by aircraft.

The latest disclosures about the attack on Halabja, considered by independent sources as the worst of its kind against civilians in the Gulf War, followed a threat by the Speaker of the Iranian parliament, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, that Iran is considering retaliating with its own chemical weapons unless the "sleeping world conscience" puts an end to Iraqi chemical warfare.

Earlier this week Iran appealed to the UN Secretary-General Señor Javier Péres de Cuéllar to send a team to report on the attack. Mr Rafsanjani said the Iranian move had been blocked by the US and France and that he would be sending an envoy to discuss the war with the Secretary General and to make a second appeal.

Luxury riverside pavilion for MPs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A luxury pavilion is to be built for the benefit of MPs, journalists, officers and their guests on the riverside terrace of the House of Commons.

The sumptuous green and white construction will come with chandeliers, two bars, a dining room, heating, a roof and front that will open onto the sky and the river at the push of a button. It will be kept open from spring until Christmas, and will replace a much tattier pavilion that is at present only open for a few short weeks before the summer recess.

The new pavilion, which should be open by 1989, has been agreed by the Commons catering committee and approved in principle by the House of Commons Commission.

The MPs have the House of Lords to thank for their good fortune. Their Lordships were somewhat miffed that the present pavilion encroaches on to their half of the terrace and wanted it moved. They were also disgruntled that their only access to the terrace was along a seedy corridor.

Mr Charles Irving, chairman of the catering committee, has therefore struck a complicated deal with the Upper House whereby the Commons will pay for the beautification of the offending corridor in return for the continued usage of the old pavilion whilst the new one is being constructed.

Mr Irving was uncertain of the cost of the new pavilion, which will be at the Commons end of the terrace.

Maxwell's 'substantial' libel damages

Continued from page 1

"I am sorry that Messrs Thompson and Delano....failed to carry out their elementary duties as journalists to check their facts before rushing into print", Mr Maxwell said.

"Regrettably, the British media suffer from the desire to attack people of standing on the principle that they all have feet of clay. Occasionally, it is good for them to receive a kick up the backside to disprove their fanciful theory. I hope that commonsense will prevail. Even a rich man is entitled to defend his reputation."

When asked by a representative of *The Bookseller* magazine how many complaints of inaccuracy the *Daily Mirror* received in a week, Mr Maxwell responded: "You are an idiot, I don't want to talk to you." He then invited the questioner to sue him, although he was reminded that his previous encounter with the magazine had apparently forced him to pay £30,000 towards their costs.

Mr Maxwell, ignoring shouts of "gangway" from one member of the High Court's staff, stood fast and threatened a return to the court as soon as possible to deal with Mr Bower. He added that he had been the victim of "libellers, liars, cheats and perjurers" and made dark references to his detractors at *The Sunday Times* and *Private Eye*.

"Since the Bower book contains some identical or similar libels to those contained in the book to be withdrawn and pulped, Blackwell's, Pentos and its Dillon chain, Waterstone's and others who continue to stock and sell the Bower book will, regrettably, have to be sued again unless they cease selling it", he said.

Mr Bower's publisher, Aurum Press, said yesterday that it was yet to receive a statement of claim from Mr Maxwell and that when the matter came to court, it would be keenly contested. "We will fight this all the way," said Mr Tim Chadwick, chairman of Aurum Press.

Aurum Press has offered to indemnify booksellers against prosecution for selling the Bower book but yesterday Blackwell's, the Oxford booksellers, had withdrawn it from their shelves.

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Hoskyns calls for Government to intensify crackdown on perks

By Colin Narbrough

Sir John Hoskyns, Director General of the Institute of Directors, last night called for an end to the practice of awarding perks instead of pay, and urged the Chancellor to take further steps to eliminate back-door payments.

Addressing the Institute of Management Consultants, he welcomed Mr Nigel Lawson's budget announcement that the tax scale for company cars would be doubled, as sounding the "death knell" for perks.

But he added: "It is not likely to end there — and nor should it." As Britain became a low-tax economy, employees' perks were beginning to outlive their usefulness.

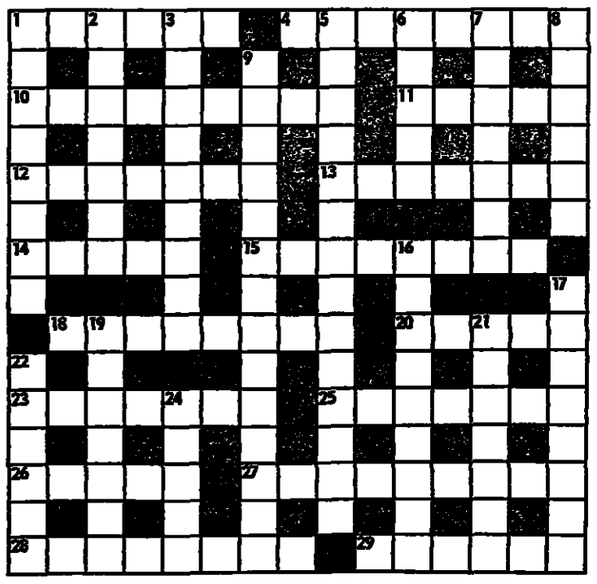
"Perks, as a form of barter, should have no place in the pay systems of the nineties."

He said this "legitimised form of tax evasion" came about in the 1960s and 1970s because the tax penalties were so high. Back-door payments were the only way employers could reward key people and the company car became a status symbol.

Such considerations no longer applied.Sir John said employers were now freer to pay people according to their true value.

Sir John saw tax now returned to its proper function of raising revenue for government. Businessmen and sportspeople, who offered exceptional performance or skills would be able to keep more than half of what they earned.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,626



ACROSS

1 Bass sound coming from Scott Joplin, the pianist (6).
4 A pipe with various forms (8).
10 Teller runs a counter for change (9).
11 The Spanish end of France is charming (5).
12 Was her wedding present a Golden Delicious? (7).
13 Recite with difficulty about fifty lines of reference (7).
14 Eastern inn, sometimes has a caravan parked in front (5).
15 A pound note secures a firm fish (8).
18 Single girl from Lambeth, say, holds a party for lover (8).
20 Belinda's game to make a Spaniard lose his head (5).
23 Annual spree in the American bureau (7).
25 Collection of weapons includes a club (7).
26 Take someone else's chair or office (5).
27 There are lots around to help the farm girl (9).
28 It takes a chatterbox to make a noise in publicity (8).
29 Is there nothing even in this strange event? (6).

DOWN

1 We go there via Kensal Green, according to Chesterton (8).
2 Corin's one false tooth (7).
3 Orations left out of the Figaro business (9).
5 Northern illuminations suspended around a pole (6,8).
6 One fish out of the river is still (5).
7 He has been commissioned to provide daily service on the river (7).
8 Bid in transaction made an impression (6).
9 No good pressing this to stop the train! (4,4,6).
16 Inward looking (5-4).
17 Girl has died in the street, alas (8).
19 A legendary attacking bat (7).
21 Mountain climbing, I fall behind Asian (7).
22 Steal fruit that is behind (6).
24 King has a set not working (5).

Concise crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

DEONTOLOGY
a. The study of conifers
b. A system of dentistry
c. Moral philosophy

SCARIFIED
a. Frightened
b. Put to flight
c. Scratched all over

UXORIOUS
a. Doting
b. Wifely
c. Like Uriah Heep

AD CRUMINAM
a. Torture by hooks
b. Materialism
c. A jubilee year

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,625

S	C	A	N	T		S	A	F	E	G	U	A	R	D
C		M		R		N		L		A		B		R
R	E	P	R	O	D	U	C	E		L	I	A	N	A
A		L		P		G		A		O		S		F
T	I	E	P	I	N		E	M	E	R	G	E	N	T
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WEATHER

Rain in south-east England will soon clear and with the rest of southern and central England and Wales the day will be mainly dry. However, further rain is likely in southernmost counties by midnight. Northern England, north Wales and much of Scotland will have sunny intervals and showers, wintry over the highest ground. It will feel cool everywhere in the strong winds which will reach gale force in the south-east. Outlook: Breezy with sunshine and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	s	Majorca	21	70	s
Alrotiri	18	64	s	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Malta	19	66	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Athens	18	64	s	Mexico C*	23	73	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Miami*	25	77	s
Barbados*	29	84	s	Milan	17	63	s
Barcelna	17	63	s	Montreal*	3	37	f
Bermuda*	16	61	f	Moscow	5	41	s
Biarritz	13	55	c	N Delhi	32	90	s
B Aires*	21	70	c	N York*	9	48	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Nice	16	61	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Peking	5	41	s
C'blanca	18	64	s	Perth	23	73	c
Chicago*	17	63	s	Rhodes	17	63	f
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Riyadh	24	75	s
Dublin	6	43	f	Rome	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	S Frisco*	15	59	f
Faro	21	70	s	Seoul	10	50	f
Florence	17	63	s	Sing'por	28	82	r
Funchal	18	64	c	St'kholm	1	34	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Sydney	21	70	c
Helsinki	1	34	s	Tel aviv	22	72	s
Hong K	19	66	c	Tenerife	20	68	f
Innsbrck	10	50	f	Tokyo	13	55	s
Istanbul	18	64	s	Toronto*	10	50	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tunis	20	68	s
Jo'burg*	29	79	f	Valencia	25	77	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	8	46	r
Le Toquet	10	50	f	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Vienna	10	50	f
Locarno	12	54	f	Warsaw	5	41	f
L Angels*	18	64	s	Wash'tonr*	14	57	s
Luxembg	7	45	r	Wel'nton	17	63	f
Madrid	18	64	s	Zurich	6	43	c

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.29	6.3	6.50	5.9
Aberdeen	6.11	3.2	7.09	3.1
Avonmouth	11.44	9.9	11.57	9.8
Belfast	4.00	3.0	4.47	2.8
Cardiff	11.29	9.3	11.42	9.1
Devonport	10.32	4.3	10.55	4.3
Dover	3.45	5.4	4.23	5.2
Falmouth	10.02	4.1	10.25	4.1
Glasgow	5.01	4.6	5.53	4.1
Harwich	4.27	3.3	4.48	3.1
Holyhead	3.03	4.4	3.53	4.1
Hull	11.06	5.9	11.57	5.5
Ilfracombe	10.42	6.7	11.06	6.5
Leith	7.48	4.3	8.25	4.3
Liverpool	3.45	7.5	4.27	7.1
Lowestoft	2.27	2.1	2.48	2.0
Margate	4.38	4.1	5.02	3.9
Milford Haven	11.04	5.1	11.32	5.0
Newquay	10.02	5.2	10.31	5.1
Oban	10.41	2.7	10.41	2.7
Penzance	9.48	4.3	10.11	4.3
Portland	10.48	1.2	10.51	1.3
Portsmouth	4.01	3.9	4.32	3.7
Shoreham	3.29	5.0	4.15	4.8
Southampton	9.42	3.7	4.30	3.6
Swansea	11.06	7.3	11.33	7.1
Tees	8.46	4.2	9.28	4.1
Wilton-on-Ilze	4.28	3.6	4.51	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.2	.19	9	48	cloudy
Hunstanton	3.8	.19	9	48	bright
Cromer	3.8	.17	11	52	bright
Lowestoft	1.5	.13	10	50	hail
Southend	-	.05	12	54	shower
Folkestone	4.8	.06	13	55	shower
Hastings	3.5	.11	11	52	shower
Eastbourne	2.0	.30	11	52	rain
Brighton	1.2	.17	10	50	shower
Southsea	1.3	.07	11	52	rain
Shanklin	0.9	.17	10	50	rain
Bournemouth	-	.25	11	52	rain
Weymouth	0.9	.44	11	52	rain
Exmouth	0.1	.12	12	54	rain
Torquay	-	.11	12	54	shower
Newquay	1.1	.08	12	54	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	.26	11	52	rain
Minehead	-	.48	11	52	rain
Morecambe	3.8	.20	8	46	shower
Douglas	-	.26	10	50	shower
Carlisle	0.8	.12	10	50	rain
Nottingham	4.0	.31	9	48	shower
Anglesey	7.4	.07	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	.07	-	-	sunny
Tenby	0.6	.13	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.4	.24	7	45	rain
Aviemore	4.6	.17	11	52	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.4	.29	8	46	shower
Kinloss	2.3	.26	9	48	rain
Lerwick	-	-	5	41	rain
Prestwick	2.8	.56	10	50	shower
Stornoway	1.8	.34	10	50	shower
Tiree	7.9	.19	11	52	sunny
Wick	-	.26	7	45	rain

* Denotes figures not available
These are Wednesday's figures

THE POUND

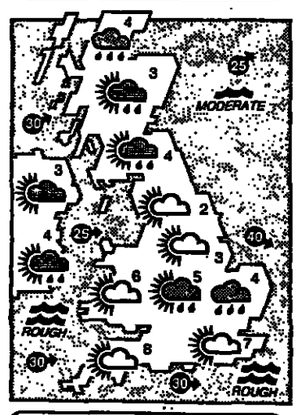
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.66	2.42
Austria Sch	22.60	21.50
Belgium Fr	67.45	64.15
Canada $	2.365	2.285
Denmark Kr	12.33	11.73
Finland Mkk	7.77	7.37
France Fr	10.88	10.38
Germany Dm	3.215	3.055
Greece Dr	259	239
Hong Kong $	14.82	14.07
Ireland Pt	1.205	1.145
Italy Lire	2375	2255
Japan Yen	242.50	230.50
Netherlands Gld	3.60	3.43
Norway Kr	12.12	11.52
Portugal Esc	262	249
South Africa Rd	4.40	3.90
Spain Pta	214	203
Sweden Kr	11.36	10.81
Switzerland Fr	2.66	2.53
USA $	1.82	1.83
Yugoslavia Dnr	2870	2270

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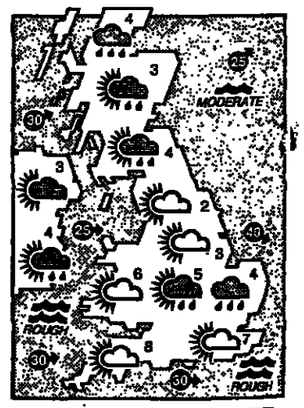
Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 38.2 at 1421.6.

AM



PM



LONDON

Wednesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F) Humidity: 6 pm, 47 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Prestwick, Strathclyde, 0.58 in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Strathclyde, 7.9 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.53 pm to 5.19 am
Bristol 7.02 pm to 5.23 am
Edinburgh 7.07 pm to 5.29 am
Manchester 7.02 pm to 5.27 am
Penzance 7.13 pm to 5.42 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm 0.15 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.7 hr.

YESTERDAY

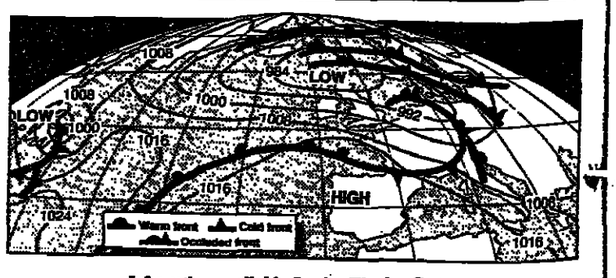
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	s	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'mingham	10	50	f	Inverness	8	46	f
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	11	52	f
Bristol	11	52	s	London	13	55	f
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'chester	8	46	r
Edinburgh	7	45	r	Newcastle	9	48	s
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'stalewe	7	45	c

First Quarter 4.41 am

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
5.52 am	6.23 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
2.59 am	9.31 am

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

FRIDAY MARCH 25 1988

THE TIMES

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1421.6 (–38.2)

FT-SE 100
1782.7 (–49.5)

Bargains
33292 (31413)

USM (Datastream)
149.82 (–1.84)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8420 (+0.0055)

W German mark
3.0955 (–0.0091)

Trade-weighted
77.1 (–0.2)

Investor 'A-day' named

The Government has named April 29 as the day after which it will be a criminal offence to conduct investment business without authorization or exemption.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate Affairs, announcing the timing of "A-day" in a Commons written reply, said the Government would bring into force the remaining investor protection provisions of the Financial Services Act on that day.

Mr Maude said he considered the timing "realistic." Investors should not have to wait any longer for the protection the Act will provide.

Cookson soars

Cookson Group, the specialist chemicals and metals company, made pretax profits in 1987 of £143.8 million, a rise of 52 per cent, on turnover 22 per cent higher at £1.189 billion. The total dividend was raised to 12p from 8.75p.

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KENNETH FLEET

Kenneth Fleet talks to the Prime Minister's favourite entrepreneur in his column tomorrow.

$6.8bn loss

US savings and loan institutions lost a record $6.8 billion (£3.69 billion) last year, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board reported.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2025.38 (–42.26)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25781.28 (–113.95)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2548.40 (–15.51)
Amsterdam: Gen	250.2 (–1.5)
Sydney: AO	1450.5 (+23.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1424.7 (–22.8)
Brussels:	
General	n/a
Paris: CAC	296.6 (+3.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	459.3 (–1.5)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	918.23 (–23.48)
FT–"500"	1009.11 (–26.37)
FT. Gold Mines	242.6 (–2.3)
FT. *Fixed interest*	97.52 (–0.29)
FT. Govt Secs	90.34 (–0.02)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
G Oliver	375p (+25p)
Independent	398p (+28p)
Trinity Intnl	727½p (+18p)
Vibroplant	652½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Lucas	569½p (–52p)
Blue Circle	451p (–14p)
Tarmac	236½p (–18p)
Reuters	515½p (–19p)
Sock Shop	242p (–18p)
Wellcome	449p (–15p)
Redland	424p (–17p)
Midland	400p (–19p)
Thorn EMI	606p (–14p)
Siebe	310½p (–17p)
BPB	276½p (–16p)
Brent Walker	345½p (–29p)
Reckitt & Colman	792½p (–25p)
Pearson	661½p (–21p)
Coalite	295p (–17p)
Standard Chart	457½p (–17p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank $8^{11}/_{16}$–$8^{5}/_{8}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{11}/_{32}$–$8^{9}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.82–5.80%*
30-year bonds $101^{3}/_{16}$–$101^{7}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8420	£: $1.8425*
£: DM3.0955	$: DM1.6798*
£: SwFr2.5604	$: SwFr1.3895*
£: FFr10.5197	$: FFr5.7080*
£: Yen231.72	$: Yen125.80*
£: Index:77.1	$: Index:93.4
ECU £0.667465	SDR £0.745585

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $453.90 pm-$453.95
close $451.75-452.25 (£245.25-245.75)
New York:
Comex $452.90-453.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $15.55bbl ($15.43)
* Denotes latest trading price

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£10bn wiped off shares

Currency instability triggers market fall

By Graham Searjeant, *Financial Editor*

Share prices fell sharply in London and New York yesterday as investors and traders concluded that the March rally had come to an end. The FT-SE 100-share index dropped steadily through the day to end 49.5 points down at 1,782.7, falling through the psychologically significant 1,800 level. Nearly £10 billion was wiped off the value of shares.

In New York, prices followed London down, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 42.11 points to 2,025.53 at lunchtime. There were fears that there would be a fall of more than 50 points, which would trigger a moratorium on computerized program trading for the first time since voluntary restrictions were introduced in January.

"If that happened, it would be disastrous" said one London analyst.

The falls were triggered by further instability in the currency markets, where the dollar fell further against most currencies. Against sterling, the US currency fell nearly a cent to $1.8430.

It also fell by a full yen to Y125.8, amid rumours, strongly denied in Tokyo, that Japanese insurance companies would sell dollar assets after their year-end.

In London, the share market was unsettled by a £163 million rights issue by the engineering group Lucas Industries.

Hopes are fading that big institutional investors are poised to invest their increased cash holdings, which have risen from 3 per cent to 8 per cent of their investment funds since last summer.

An analysis by Warburg Securities suggested that much

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of the cash build-up came from sales of overseas shares and was unlikely to be reinvested in British equities.

A new study by Phillips & Drew will also suggest a sharp slowing of the growth of cash flow coming into pension funds in particular.

Pension fund contribution holidays caused an almost unprecedented net outflow from pension funds in the third quarter of 1987. Phillips & Drew estimates that this reduced institutions' new funds to about £23.4 billion in 1987, only £400 million higher than 1986. This compares with growth of more than £7 billion over the previous three years.

P&D forecast that the institutions' cash flow will rise to only £23.6 billion this year, and that £5 billion of this may be used to increase cash holdings, which rose £4 billion to £16.4 billion in 1987.

Fears of higher trade deficits bringing a reversal of the latest interest rate cut were exacerbated by new figures showing that Britain's saving ratio had fallen from 7.4 per cent of personal disposable income in 1986 to only 5.6 per cent in 1987, the lowest level for almost 30 years.

In the final quarter of the year, savings were only 4.3 per cent, compared with 6.6 per cent a year before.

In the February trade figures to be announced today, the London market is expecting some improvement on the record £905 million deficit in January, but this is unlikely to have much effect on sentiment.

Mr Jeffrey Thompson, strategist at BZW, said marketmakers had just been dropping share price quotations on thin volume.

"Shares often sag after the Budget. Investors have been nervous but have been hanging on in the hope that the rally would go a bit further before they got out.

Lucas rights to raise £163m

By Colin Campbell

Lucas Industries, the international aerospace, automotive and industrial systems and components group, is calling for £163 million of fresh funds via a one for four rights issue at 500p a share.

The impact of the news, on a day when the stock market was generally weak, made Lucas shares fall by 49p to 573p.

Mr Anthony Gill, the chairman, said the money would be put behind the group's three main divisions — aerospace, automotive and industrial — and that a number of selective, synergy-based acquisitions are being considered.

Lucas last made a rights issue in December 1985, when it raised £89 million, and it said yesterday that the objectives then outlined had largely been fulfilled.

"The group is evaluating several attractive opportunities to make further acquisitions and, to take full advantage of them, it needs to increase its financial resources," Mr Gill said.

There was no indication of the attitude of the Lucas pension funds to the rights issue, holders of 14 per cent of the group's equity. "That is a decision for the trustees," he added.

Group pretax profit in the six months ended January 31 rose from £40 million to £53 million, and the interim dividend is being increased from 2.6p to 6p a share. The group expects to recommend a total dividend for this financial year of 20p a share compared with 16p paid previously.

The group's gearing, currently 48 per cent and at the last balance sheet date 38.9 per cent, would fall to 8 per cent in the wake of the rights issue, the group added.

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Koppers warning by Beazer

By Rodney Hobson

Beazer, the British housebuilder, gave a warning last night that it would take court action to fight any agreement by Koppers, the US aggregates company, to sell all or part of its construction materials and services business as part of a recapitalization.

The warning came after Koppers had rejected a revised $56-a-share offer by Beazer as inadequate and not in the best interests of Koppers and its shareholders.

Mr Brian Beazer, the chairman and chief executive of Beazer, said that BNS, the bid vehicle of Beazer, would also seek damages against any third party entering any transaction to help Koppers' management in seeking to damage Beazer's offer.

Mr Beazer noted that Koppers was now conducting an auction, but had refused to meet Beazer

"Third parties are a notice of Koppers' failure to provide a level playing field. We are not going to let such parties profit from aiding and abetting Koppers' management."

Guinness planning more acquisitions

By Our City Staff

Guinness, the drinks group which acquired Distillers in 1986, may be making more takeovers within the next two years. The group is looking for a "third leg" to add to its spirits and beer businesses.

Mr Anthony Tennant, the chief executive, said yesterday: "under our present management, which has been in place for less than a year, we have made considerable progress in preparing the foundations for the group's new strategic direction."

The business has been considerably restructured to

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enable the management to concentrate on the development of international spirits and beer brands and, as part of the process, a number of businesses have been sold.

Martin the Newsagent and other retail interests, the carbon dioxide business of Distillers, Drummond Pharmacy and Cognac Hine in France were among the sales which brought in about £400 million.

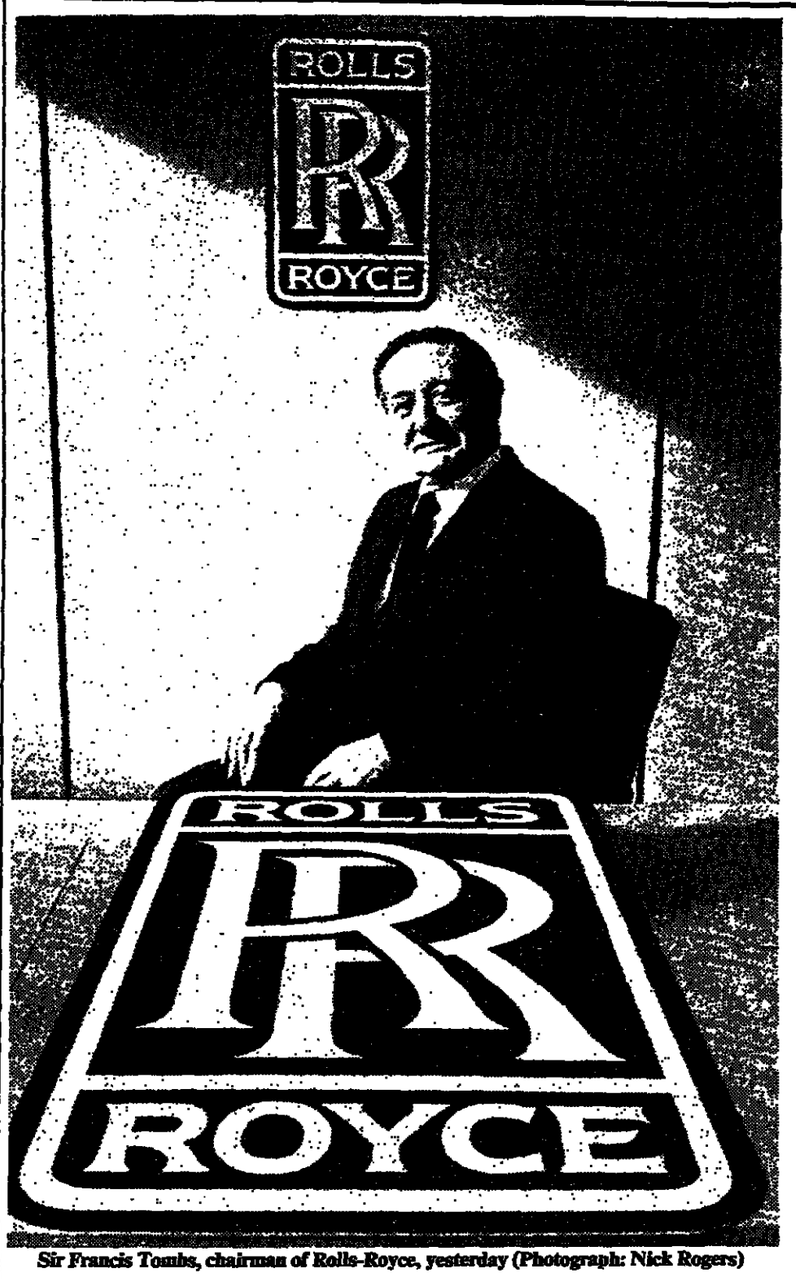
The largest purchase of the year was Schenley Industries for £320 million, which was the most important step in the new policy of gaining direct control of the marketing of group products in its main international markets.

The sales and purchases during the year have, however, slowed the growth pattern, and Guinness reported group pretax profits of £408 million for the full year of 1987. The figure compares with a pro forma £376 million for 1986 and with £355 million actually reported for the 15 months to the end of 1986.

Earnings per share have increased from a pro forma 28.7p to 30.9p and the board has confirmed a final dividend of 6.2p to make a 9.2p total compared with an annualized 8.16p last time.

Mr Tennant says that sales and profits were affected by exchange rate fluctuations and the strengthening pound. After allowing for the restructuring of the business, turnover was down marginally. The figure for 1987 was £2.82 billion compared with a pro forma £3.1 billion.

R&D spending soars as competition grows



Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, yesterday (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Profits lift-off for Rolls

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engines maker, has soared to record levels on both turnover and profits in its first annual results since privatization. This was achieved despite the effect on earnings of a weaker dollar and increased spending on research and development, reflecting increasing international competition.

Sir Francis Tombs, the chairman, gave warning that the pursuit of further "very substantial" productivity and cost efficiency gains to stay in the international race could mean further job losses over the next three years. But they were likely to be modest with no more site closures planned.

Turnover rose 14.3 per cent to £2,059 million, while pretax profits were up 30 per cent at £156 million. Operating profits increased 27 per cent to £347 million.

There is to be a final dividend of 3.5p per share, bringing the 1987 total to 5.25p.

Rolls-Royce is one of the world's top three aero-engine makers, along with America's Pratt & Whitney and General Electric, and a measure of the competition is that R&D spending at Rolls-Royce rose 41.7 per cent to £187 million.

Sir Francis, asked if this expenditure would remain higher, said: "Such spending will vary from year to year but not dramatically."

Last year's increased spending was due to work on the five-nation consortium V2500 engine — on which compressor problems are now said to have been overcome — and the latest derivatives of the RB211-524. A powerful model L version of the 211, to keep Rolls-Royce firmly in the "big thrust" end of the engine business, is still being evaluated but a decision on whether to go ahead with it is expected within "a few months."

With the year-end order book at £2,800 million (slightly down on 1986 when there was a big British Airways order), Sir Francis said: "The results show how firmly the company is now based in the international markets. We have been able to face sharply increased net expenditure on R&D and still deliver healthily increased profits."

Rolls-Royce should be able to secure some of the attractive new sales opportunities now appearing worldwide.

Its exposure to the dollar is about a quarter of turnover but the effects are offset by forward buying of currency.

Strike-hit TV-am sees profits soaring

By Cliff Feltham

TV-am, the commercial television station, shrugged off a strike by technicians and the controversy over a Saudi Arabian stake to turn in record profits last year.

The company yesterday announced pretax profits of £13.1 million, 50 per cent more than the year before.

Mr Ian Irvine, the chairman, who took over after the resignation of Mr Timothy Aitken, says advertising revenue jumped 30 per cent to £54 million.

He discounted reports that viewers were switching off TV-am, and claimed an average audience of 15.7 million, up one million on the year before. During the Christmas week alone, the station achieved a record viewing figure of 16.5 million.

He said that during the dispute with its technicians — which led to the dismissal of 232 — the company's revenue did not suffer. "Throughout the dispute we have maintained our programme output and it is now almost back to normal with Good Morning Britain."

TV-am plans to hire 70 new employees over the next few months at salaries way below the average £30,000 earned by its former staff.

TV-am shares closed 3p lower at 135p.

● Central Independent Television, made pretax profits in the year to the end of December of £22.5 million, a rise of 36 per cent. Turnover was 23 per cent higher at £240 million from both record advertising and overseas sales.

SAS landing dispute at Heathrow averted

By Colin Narbrough

The Government has averted an aircraft landing rights war with Sweden, Norway and Denmark by finding an early morning landing slot at Heathrow for the three countries' joint carrier, Scandinavian Airlines System.

The discovery of a gap in the airport's crowded schedule, after SAS's application had been turned down by the airport's scheduling committee, made it possible to call off a meeting yesterday of senior British and Scandinavian transport officials.

Angered by SAS's failure to obtain important landing slots in London, Mr Sven Hultestrom, the Swedish Communications Minister, last month wrote to Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, demanding full reciprocity of access to both air transport markets.

But yesterday it emerged that the British Embassy in Stockholm told Mr Hultestrom's office on Monday that an unused Brymon slot at Heathrow was available.

SAS was told it could start to operate from April a flight that leaves Copenhagen at 0820. British Airways 0950 departure, which threated to take much of the valuable business traffic, had particularly upset the Scandinavians.

Memo said to outline former staff's buyout proposal

WPP finds 'defection blueprint'

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

WPP, the advertising and marketing services group which is taking legal action against former employees at Lord, Geller, Federico, Einstein, its American subsidiary, who left to form a new agency, has released details of a memo which it alleges was initialled by Mr Ed Yaconetti, the former vice-chairman and one of the departees.

The memo purports to outline the options the disenchanted staff at LGFE were considering when drawing up a buyout plan to pay $22 million (£12 million) to WPP for 55 per cent of the agency. It also outlines the alternative courses of action the group might have taken if Mr Martin Sorrell, WPP's chief executive, had rejected their proposals.

In a report in yesterday's *New York Times*, Mr Yaconetti said he did not recall the memo and the options it described contradicted events. Mr Richard Lord, the former chairman, said he was unfamiliar with the memo and that the document had been written on a computer and then printed. He said that was not the way memos were produced at LGFE.

Mr Philip Reiss, whose New York law firm, Davis & Gilbert, represents WPP, said he considered the memo "a blueprint of what happened."

LGFE was acquired by WPP last year when it bought J Walter Thompson for $566 million.

The memo says the buyout recommendation "would appear to be a tough road . . . and could take as many as five, if not more, years just to pay off our debt. This assumes that Martin agrees to an offer in the $40 million range (for 100 per cent of the agency).

"There does not appear to be a viable and effective alternative currently available to us."

The memo suggests the group take 12 months to examine its options and run the business with drive, imagination and a strong level of good common and business sense.

The alternatives were, said the memo, to slow down the reporting process and execute a general slowdown programme throughout the operation while explaining to WPP that "we're doing the best we can under the circumstances" and "the problem is getting worse and we see no way to improve it over time."

"The above situation causes another confrontation. At which time we go back to the buyout plan and state we warned you this would not work."

The memo says that on a "worst case basis" Mr Sorrell would agree to the group's demands and it would end up with improved remuneration



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Bridon set to join in motorway scheme

By Our City Staff

Bridon, the wire rope specialist, is expecting approval from the Department of Transport for a new type of motorway crash barrier in time to participate in the programme whereby all dual carriageways are to be fitted with barriers within the next five years.

The crash barrier is just one of the encouraging developments Bridon sees on the horizon. "Our tails are now up . . . the current year has started very well," said Sir Christopher Laidlaw, the chairman.

But, referring to a 5.1 per cent share stake held by Carclo, he said the company still needed time to "get on and produce the results."

The group has increased its full-year dividend from 5.5p to 6p, despite a fall in 1987 pretax profits from £10.4 million to £7.7 million. Trading profit improved from £5.9 million to £7 million and the group share of profits from related companies rose by £1 million to £5.6 million.

But Bridon has provided £2.2 million against rationalization and redundancy payments expected in the first half of this year. This is not deductible from 1987 tax and accounts for a fall of 3.9p in earnings per share to 7.2p.

The company says 1988 has started well, and profits are gaining the full benefit of reductions in its cost base.

STOCK MARKET

Cash call fears help index to crash

The London stock market tumbled backwards again through the all-important 1,800 level yesterday with investors taking another pasting as almost £10 billion was wiped from the value of their investments.

Worried by the prospect of a growing rights issue queue, market-makers were out early with their red pencils after learning of Lucas Industries' surprise £163 million fund raising exercise. This followed hard on the heels of a £50 million rights issue from Tootal this week and a number of smaller issues.

Ranks Hovis McDougall managed to limit the damage to a 1p fall at 328p, helped by a buy recommendation from County NatWest, the securities house. It claims the shares are an "outstanding buy" and is looking for pretax profits to surge this year from £116 million to £143 million.

One frustrated dealer said: "The market has been hoping for a number of bids to lure the fund managers off the sidelines, but all they have seen is money trickling out of the market." Turnover was again low with just 535 million shares traded.

It looks as though the market-makers will have to continue dragging share prices lower until they can find a level at which they will attract a few buyers. But the institutions have made it clear that, although liquidity levels of about 8 per cent are the highest seen for a number of years, they are quite happy to sit on cash for the time being rather than risk it in the equity market.

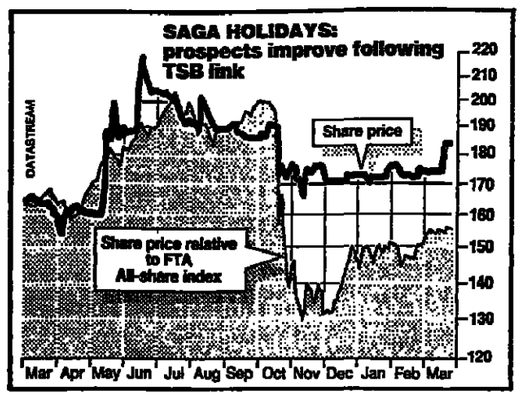
Brokers point out that the final call on the partly-paid shares in British Gas falls due on April 19. Investors will have to stump up an extra 40p on 4 billion shares, raising an extra £1.6 billion. With settlement day on April 18, this account is the last opportunity for them to sell stock if they wish to raise funds to take up the call.

Any hopes that 1,800 would provide a resistance level were quickly dashed by an early, 33-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average in resumed trading on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its lowest levels of the day,recording a fall of 49.5 at 1,782.7. The narrower FT index finished 38.2 down at 1,421.6.

Dealers claim that this latest setback for the equity market has only flushed out a few sellers but confidence has taken a battering and prospects for the remainder of the three-week Easter account, which takes in the end of the financial year, appear bleak.

Government securities suffered early falls of about £½ amid growing fears af an increase in US prime rates. But most of these losses had been trimmed by about £¼ at the close.

Blue chips suffered the brunt of the mark-down with



double-figure falls recorded among most of them. ICI finished 25p lower at £10.15, Glaxo, 46p at £10.02, BAT Industries, 22p at 442p following this week's figures and Great Universal Stores "A," 26p to £10.96.

Oil shares which continue to be depressed by a weak oil price and the reluctance of Opec members to cut back on production displayed further falls. BP lost an early lead to finish the day 8p lower at 266p, while the partly-paid lost 3p to 74p following a breakfast meeting with analysts. BP is said to have emphasized the continued importance of the North Sea and efforts being made to find further sources of oil. But the fund managers are said to have come away unimpressed.

Other losses were seen in Shell, down 18p at £10.50, Burmah, 13p at 497p, Enterprise Oil, 4p at 336p and Ultramar, 15p at 247p.

One of the few bright spots in a dull market was Plessey which advanced another 3p to 165p as about 8 million shares changed hands. Dealers said that this latest flurry of activity was started by heavy call option business in the Traded Options market. It is sure to revive recent suggestions that someone has been trying to build up a stake in the electronics group which recently merged its telecommunications business with that of GEC.

But there was little support for Ferranti despite the efforts of its directors this week. On Wednesday, Ferranti met Cazenove, the most blue-blooded of London's brokers, for a talk about prospects. Later that day, it hosted a dinner in Manchester for a number of fund managers which it took on a tour of the group's operations yesterday. But it has done little for the share price which ended the day 4p lower at 84p.

Saga Holidays' fan club has seen a big rise in membership this week after the news of its joint venture with the TSB. Under the initial, three-year agreement, TSB will market its investment products through Saga's mailing lists, while Saga's holidays will be offered to TSB's customers in the over-55 age bracket. This, it is estimated, could be as many as 2 million households.

Brokers have been quickly won over by the deal and are already convinced that the long-term benefits will be considerable.

The two groups also hope to promote their products through specialist magazines. Saga already boasts its own magazine with a regular circulation of 650,000 in which it will advertise TSB's services. TSB is also paying Saga to produce a new magazine of general interest and is aiming for an initial circulation of 250,000.

County NatWest is already looking for Saga virtually to double pretax profits in the current year to £4 million with earnings a share growing from 6.7p to 13.7p.

County claims that the deal "enhances Saga's attractions significantly" and says that the downside in the shares is limited. It is urging clients to start tucking them away. Saga slipped by 3p to 181p, while TSB shares were 3p cheaper at 108p.

The strong pound continued to take its toll of some leading exporters with Jaguar down 6p at 285p, British Aerospace 19p cheaper at 356p, and Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, 19p lower at 516p.

Freshbake, the food manufacturer, stood out in a falling market with a rise of 8p to 110p. This was prompted by claims that someone is now stalking the shares as the prelude to a full bid. Analysts are looking for pretax profits in the current year to rise from £3.05 million to £5.10 million.

But fading bid hopes left Delta Group 13p lower at 289p. John Crowther, the textiles manufacturer, also lost ground, falling 8p to 177p, as investors waited to learn the identity of the mystery suitor. There have been claims that Entrad Investments, which made an abortive bid for Tootal three years ago, may be interested.

Others claim that it is Mr John Ashcroft's Coloroll, the wall furnishings and fabrics group. That was enough to lop 9p from Coloroll at 194p.

Michael Clark

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Peachey fends off Epic white knight

By Cliff Feltham

A consortium is offering to pluck the beleagured Estates Property Investment Company (Epic) from the clutches of the Peachey Property Corporation.

The long-awaited white knight – eight unnamed institutions – yesterday emerged with an offer to buy Peachey's 33 per cent holding in Epic at a price thought to be about 265p. This compares with the 260p Peachey is bidding for Epic.

The consortium, advised by County Bank, said it would then make an offer at the same price for the rest of Epic whose board back the idea.

But Mr John Brown, the Peachey managing director, says he has no intention of dropping his £63 million bid for Epic and refuses to sell his stake. He says even if the consortium goes ahead and makes a counter-bid he will not sell and is prepared to remain as a significant shareholder in the company.

"I told them quite clearly that our stake is not for sale," he said.

Peachey raised its contested bid for Epic from 240p to 260p on Monday and strengthened its hand by picking up a 25 per cent holding from London Securities to add to its existing stake.

Epic shares closed 1p higher at 266p. Peachey was 2p easier at 410p.

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ISE starts battle to keep top place after 1992

By Colin Narbrough

The International Stock Exchange yesterday set up an "A-Team" to make sure that London has a powerful say in the way the proposed Single European Market in financial services develops.

Named the Europe 1992 Committee, it has the task of studying the full implications of the European Commission's proposals and safeguarding the ISE's position as the premier market in the region.

Mr Stephen Raven, deputy chairman of the ISE's international equities committee, was appointed as the first chairman of the 1992 committee. Mr Raven said he considered that a move towards a European Intermarket Trading System, based on the American experience, was "inevitable" as the EEC moved towards a truly common market.

London's experience with the Stock Exchange Automated Quotation System had clearly demonstrated that "today's market is the market of the screen."

Mr Raven said: "The decision to create a single market presented the biggest challenge since Big Bang.

" We must be aware of the changes coming out of Brussels and ensure that the ISE and its member firms are in a position to respond to the opportunities available in a larger market with greater competition."

Other members of the committee are Mr Stephen Salter, deputy chairman, Mr Michael Blane, Mr James Ferguson, Mr Christopher Reilly and Mr Michael Wentworth-Stanley.

The British Bankers' Association also drew attention to 1992 in a formal response to proposed EEC rules on banking, saying a truly common market for the industry will mean clear benefits to British banks.

AWD wins order for £50m lorries

By Our City Staff

AWD, the private company formed last year to take over General Motors' goods vehicles and buses business at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, yesterday announced that it has won a £50 million order from the Ministry of Defence for more than 2,000 lorries.

Mr Peter Caldecourt, the marketing manager, said the order meant that AWD's workforce of 1,200 would be fully employed until mid-1989 at least, but that output could be expanded if there was sufficient demand.

After losing money heavily under GM, the commercial vehicle plant is now "doing very well indeed," he said. He declined to give financial details.

He attributed the turnround largely to a streamlining of the plant, which used to employ 6,500 under GM.

The MoD contract is mainly for the four-tonne M-type 4x4 cross-country lorry, powered by Bedford 5.4 litre turbocharged engines, for use by the armed forces.

The vehicles are already used widely both in Britain and abroad. A complementary order is for TK-type six-tonne general purpose vehicles.

Delivery of the lorries will start in the second half of this year, with completion scheduled for the first half of 1990.

Mr Caldecourt said an MoD order had been anticipated when AWD was formed in November as, under Bedford, the company had supplied military lorries for 50 years, but the size and details of the order had been negotiated by AWD.

Mr Ron Hancock, the managing director, hailed the order as a show of MoD confidence in the company that would help it to secure new business from overseas defence organizations.

Croda profits rise 17% despite lower turnover

By Alison Eadie

Croda International, the speciality chemicals group, increased pretax profits by 17 per cent to £31.8 million in the year to December 27.

Turnover fell to £339.5 million from £342.7 million, due to adverse currency movements, lower commodity prices, and some business pruning. Sales volume was actually higher and pretax margins rose by 1.5 per cent to 9.4 per cent.

All five divisions, except food, increased their profits. Food, the smallest divison, saw profits fall to £1.3 million from £2.7 million.

Speciality chemicals, the largest division, saw a profits rise of nearly 14 per cent to £18.8 million, after a strong performance in Britain and the US. Surface coatings increased profits by 63 per cent to £6.1 million.

Mr Mike Cannon, the chairman, said the company armed with good cash resources was in a position to expand through acquisitions. The current year had started well, he said.

The total dividend was 9p, a rise of 12.5 per cent. Earnings per share were 24 per cent higher at 16.8p fully diluted.

Filofax soars by 84%

Filofax, the personal organizer system launched on the USM last year, reported pretax profits of £2.6 million yesterday – a jump of 84 per cent on the year before. Sales soared by 90 per cent to nearly £13 million.

The company, which is now selling its products through 1,250 outlets, has just launched a desk diary, claimed to be the first important product launch since the original system appeared in 1921.

On the stock market, the shares rose by 5p to 138p.

LET links with Sainsbury in joint venture stores deal

By Colin Campbell

London & Edinburgh Trust, the expanding property development group headed by the Beckwith brothers, has established a joint development company with J Sainsbury to exploit the redevelopment properties of the Sainsbury group.

The 50-50 company will have initial funds of £24 million and both parties have agreed to commit further capital when necessary.

The new company, Sainsbury LET Shop Developments, will purchase several town-centre properties from Sainsbury, and the stores will be leased back until alternative locations are found.

An initial eight properties have been identified, Mr John Beckwith, the chairman of LET, said. He added that he was confident the new company would be of great benefit to both its parents.

LET yesterday celebrated its 10th successive year of profits growth. Pretax profits in the year ending December increased from £15.1 million to £34.7 million, with group turnover up from £63.5 million to £157.5 million after an active year on the development front both in Britain and abroad.

LET faced a tax charge of £8.9 million in the 1987 financial year compared with an abnormally low £1.7 million charge in 1986, leaving fully-diluted net earnings to rise by a less dramatic 33.3 per cent to 11.2p a share.

The year's dividend rises from a comparable 1.6p to 2p a share.



All smiles on the profit front: Peter Beckwith (left) and his brother John, LET chiefs

The shares were unchanged at 142p.

LET said it had limited property exposure in the City of London, and therefore felt no adverse effects of Black Monday. City developments planned were only expected to start to come on stream in the early 1990s.

The group's net rental income rose from £2.9 million to £8.2 million last year and is forecast to run at a rate in excess of £17 million a year in 1988.

LET's overseas interests made little, if any, contribution to 1987 profits, although the completion of a central Paris office redevelopment, and its sale in January for Fr339 million (£32 million), would boost the overseas contribution this financial year.

Highlights of last year include the acquisition of the leasehold of Birmingham's Bull Ring and involvement in the redevelopment plans for the Spitalfields market site.

LET is involved in 75 schemes with a total value of £1.7 billion, Mr Beckwith said.

The group's Hong Kong operation, which made a £1 million profit contribution, gave LET exposure to the Pacific Basin, and property investment and development interests were being sought in Sydney, the chairman said.

"Today, LET enjoys the largest and most diversified development programme in its history. This, coupled with our strong financial resources, will provide the engine to power the group well into the 1990s," Mr Beckwith added.

Molins meets battle forecast

By John Bell
City Editor

Molins, the cigarette machinery maker which last year beat off a £95 million takeover from Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealander, delivered profits and dividends in line with its promises to shareholders at the height of the battle.

Profits were £10.2 million, compared with the £10 million forecast, despite adverse currency movements which cost the group £900,000. But for a short-term hedging operation, the currency impact would have been about £1.3 million.

Dividends were 9.6p per share after a final payment of 7.1p — exactly as promised during the bid from Sir Ron's Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn concern.

The accounts show some scars from the takeover, notably the £1.1 million of bid defence costs included in an extraordinary charge to the profit and loss account of £3 million. Most of the balance represents the costs of rationalizing the group domestic tobacco machinery business.

Borrowings rose from £15.8 million to £21.1 million during the year though after netting off cash and deposits they represented a comfortable 21.8 per cent of shareholders funds.

In the group's largest profit centre, tobacco machinery, the impact of new product launches emerged only in the later stages of the year. Trading profits for the 12 months declined from £7.6 million to £6.0 million. Molins's corrugated board machinery operations made an improved contribution at the trading level of £2.4 million against £1.7 million.

After several years of research and design work on security printing equipment in partnership with the Bank of England, the joint effort is starting to show results, says the company. One printing system is now undergoing trials at the Bank. Molins says it is confident that the development will become a "significant, profitable extension of the business".

Income from flexible manufacturing system patents started to make a significant impact, contributing £1.9 million to group profits compared with £200,000 in the previous year.

Analysts are giving few hostages to fortune pencilling in forcasts of about £11 million for the current year, mindful of the damage that further currency instability could cause.

COMMENT David Brewerton

A smooth head on the Guinness cocktail

Only a hint of the true flavour of Guinness can be tasted through the cool head of figures produced for 1987.

Anthony Tennant, the chief executive brought in in the aftermath of the scandals, has completed at Distillers many of the management tasks which a generation of managers before him failed to do and which Ernest Saunders was only just starting when the Department of Trade investigation was launched. There has been a short term cost to 1987 profits, but the benefits will be counted in years to come.

In particular, Mr Tennant has extended management control deeper into the distribution network. Through the purchase of Schenley in the US, through joint venture agreements with Moët-Hennessy and through other purchases and joint ventures, Guinness has pushed out the proportion of spirits volume handled through distribution networks in which it has direct management involvement from 25 per cent to 75 per cent in just one year.

The upheaval created by the distribution switches harmed 1987 profits but will have set 'em up strong for 1988 and beyond. At the same time, the group has tackled the problems of parallel trading and bulk sales which were damaging both margins and brands.

But that is only the start and Guinness is now turning the management loose on the beer division, which is a rather stunted leg of the business these days, producing less than 20 per cent of group profits. Guinness is looking for joint deals under which it can crank up its breweries and its marketing strengths to brew and sell blonde beers alongside the dark.

Even then, Guinness will not be finished. The management is seeking a third leg, another activity which can be slotted in alongside the existing limbs. Long-standing Guinness shareholders have heard that before. The search for non-beer profits has been a Holy Grail with successive Guinness managements. The latest team recouped £400 million last year, selling off businesses that did not fit, just as Mr Saunders sold or closed businesses purchased by his predecessor. That said, Bells and Distillers cannot be faulted as acquisitions.

Guinness, at least, has the funds to buy without weighing down the market with paper. Cash is cascading in, borrowings are retreating fast and with no further purchases and, assuming that it is not forced to pay over vast sums to former Distillers' shareholders, the group could be ungeared within two years.

Meanwhile, the fruits of the 1985 and 1986 acquisitions and the 1987 reorganization will be flowing fast and furious. Pretax profits could hit £475 million this year and £550 million in 1989. The shares, at 304p, are selling at a little above eight times prospective earnings where they are looking more to the problems of the past than to the opportunities of the future.

Saving caution

With few exceptions economic forecasters have been basing their predictions of a somewhat less breathless rate of growth during 1988 on a recovery in the saving ratio. So it comes as rather a shock to find that the ratio has apparently fallen even further in the final quarter of last year.

The expectation had been that the inclination to save would revive after the cold bath administered by Black Monday, as people began rebuilding their assets. A ratio of about 5 per cent of disposable income in the third quarter was seen as exceptional. In the event the Central Statistical Office has revised down the figure for the third quarter to 4.4 per cent and estimates a figure of only 4.3 per cent for the final quarter. That leaves savings at the lowest level since 1959.

Cutting up rough

Who can blame Ronald Macpherson, chairman of Birmid Qualcast, letting off steam in his annual statement about the two hostile takeovers which landed on his desk in the past 12 months? Defeating them both may have been a remarkable achievement, but at what cost in terms of management time, energy, blood, sweat and tears? And, of course, no small amount of shareholders' cash too.

It is understandable that Mr Macpherson rails against a system which allows corporate raiders the freedom to park their tanks on the especially well-cut lawns of Birmid. But some of Mr Macpherson's criticisms are wide of the mark.

He calls for curbs on the activities of arbitrageurs, who, he says, seek to ensure the success of a bid for the sake of quick dealing profits regardless of the merits of the argument. Furthermore, Mr Macpherson wants unsuccessful bidders to pick up the bills incurred by a defending company, on the grounds that the costs were caused wholly by the offeror's actions.

Such arguments are seductive for they appear to be based on a rough kind of natural justice. Alas, they are also creeping death to free markets for capital which are or ought to be the heart of a competitive corporate sector, allocating and pricing resources efficiently.

Ash rises by 22% to £15m

by Alison Eadie

Automated Security Holdings, (Ash), the electronic security group, made pretax profits of £15.2 million in the year to the end of November, a rise of 22 per cent, on turnover 23 per cent higher at £63.9 million.

Earnings per share on a fully diluted basis rose by 13 per cent to 14.2p and the total dividend was increased by 20 per cent to 2.16p.

The company said that its core rental business was now generating positive cash flow with the rental stream fully financing new rental assets. Ash now services more than 115,000 security systems.

The Modern Alarms subsidiary, despite a big reorganization, achieved record organic growth. There was also strong growth in closed circuit television operations.

Smith & Nephew grows to £109.6m

By Carol Ferguson

Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group, made £109.6 million pretax last year and has stepped up its capital spending programme by £20 million to more than £50 million a year.

Profits were up 24 per cent on the previous year, but earnings advanced just 15 per cent to 8.2p due to the higher number of shares in issue after the acquisition of Richards Medical, the US orthopaedics company. Turnover was up 14 per cent to £546 million and the dividend was raised by 21 per cent to a total 3.4p net for the year.

The market was disappointed with these results, knocking 12p off the shares to 125p.

The best performing segment was health care, where profits rose 49 per cent to £69.7 million, two-thirds of the total. Europe, where the performance was not adversely affected by currency movements, was especially strong.

Mr John Rennocks, the group finance director, said the company was moving from a relatively low base in large markets. "We are in virtually every European country, and we are taking market share from others."

To meet the soaring demand, the company has built two more examination-glove plants in North America, and has two planned. The Aids scare and the trend towards using gloves for personal protection have created a buoyant market for these gloves, in addition to the more specialized surgical gloves.

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Business park for airfield

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

West Malling airfield in Kent, a base for Second World War fighter planes, is set to become northern Europe's largest business park in a partnership deal between Kent County Council and American developers.

The council, owners of the 515-acre airfield, west of Maidstone, yesterday chose Rouse & Associates, based at Malvern, Pennsylvania, as their partners. The partnership is likely to last for 20 years as the campus-style park develops, and the council hopes it will become a big employment generator, creating up to 10,000 new jobs.

Rouse & Associates was unanimously recommended by the council's professional advisers.

New round of 11 oil licences opened

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday opened up 11 new areas around Britain's coasts for oil exploration and said he expected a flood of interest from companies anxious to keep up the pace of North Sea oil exploration.

Details of the areas on offer will not be announced until after detailed discussions with the oil companies but most of the blocks on offer are in areas where oil has been found.

They include areas round the Shetlands and Orkneys, in the north, south and central North Sea, in the English Channel off Bournemouth, the Cardigan Bay area and the Irish Sea off Blackpool.

The Government hopes that about 200 blocks will be taken up by oil companies and that exploration drilling could start late next year.

Mr Parkinson said the Government's tax regime in the North Sea had led to considerable enthusiasm among leading oil companies.

He said the new round would mean "new opportunities, new discoveries and more work for the oil industry."

"It is the Government's response to what the industry wanted. That, in turn, reflected the industry's own confidence in the future of the North Sea. They were keen to see a further round because they are optimistic about the future. I want the partnership between the taxpayer and the North Sea industry to continue. I want it to flourish well into the 21st century.

"That is why we have a fiscal regime that encourages development. I think the Budget is good for the industry. It will create an environment more responsive to the economics of individual projects and I can assure you that we will continue to keep the tax regime under review."

Mr Parkinson added that he felt opening up new North Sea acreage at a time when Opec was attempting to curb overall world oil production would not be interpreted as a provocative gesture by the cartel.

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City men take a tumble

Justice can, at times, be rough in the City. Having watched the value of his company Hardanger Properties savagely cut from £85 million to £55 million by the stock market crash, Nicholas Siviter, the founder and managing director of the retail property specialist, has inadvertently wreaked his revenge. Speaking to Tim Williams of the Pru, which owns more than 8 per cent of Hardanger, a couple of days before the horse racing festival at Cheltenham, Siviter happened to mention that a four-year-old mare called Daffodil, owned by his wife Yvonne, was expected to "do well" in the Triumph Hurdle on Gold Cup day. Interpreting this as a hot tip, in accordance with age-old City tradition, it seems Williams passed it on to a number of fund manager and salesmen chums at Henderson, Nomura and Merrill Lynch, as well as elsewhere within the Pru. With the odds, at one stage, standing at 33-1, a number of not inconsequential bets were, I hear, placed, with one fund manager overheard to remark: "If this horse wins it will change my lifestyle." Unfortunately Daffodil, suffering the remnants of a viral infection, was decidedly below par and finished in midfield. "All the fund managers were at Cheltenham and when the race was over a lynching party came after me," Siviter says. "But I managed to talk my way out of it — I told them that that's racing."

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Rocket's parting shot

Fund managers in some quarters of the City were putting yesterday's surprise fall of nearly 50 points in the FT-SE down to a "send-off" heralding the departure of one of the stock market's biggest bears — Ian Stephenson of Wood Mackenzie. "Rocket" as Stephenson is affectionately known, predicts that the bear market is here for a 12-month period, and that the FT-SE will fall to 1,500 before the autumn and then start to recover. "I have been consistently bearish," he admitted yesterday before departing for his new life in Spain. "But I've been telling everyone that this latest fall has really been caused by the liquidation of my portfolio," he jokes. We wish him every success.

Pointed remark

Andrew Holland, of County NatWest, has just published a lengthy tome extolling the merits of Blue Arrow, the gist of which is that investors should buy the shares on weakness. As County just happens to own 9.5 per cent of Blue Arrow, a legacy of its ill-fated rights issue last year, City wags are already saying that County itself will be selling into any strength. What malicious tongues some folk have.



"The reason we're not answering the phones is nobody's ringing us."

She's a wow!

Black Monday may have put paid to the cult of the City yuppie for the time being, but it has not taken sharp-eyed retailers long to spot the next lucrative chink in the market — the "wowies." These are Wealthy Older Women, identified as a target market yesterday by Doug Ash, managing director of European Home Products (EHP), which sells Dr Scholl sandals here and on the Continent. "Wowies don't mind spending between £40 and £50 for a pair of shoes," he says. What does that make Wealthy Older Men — the womies?

Abedi on way back

Agha Hasan Abedi, the president and founder of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, is, I hear, "improving" after a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital last week. Abedi, who suffered a heart attack in Lahore earlier this month — he was flown back aboard his private Boeing 737 — was transferred to Harefield from London's Cromwell Hospital a week ago after his condition deteriorated. He is expected to be kept in hospital for a further two to three weeks. Still accredited with managing the day-to-day running of his bank, the dynamic Abedi, born in northern India, has, however, been receiving visitors. Last week his bedside guests included, I'm told, none other than former US President Jimmy Carter.

Debrett décor

Now you too can have an authentic yuppie home. Debrett, in a joint venture with USM-quoted Sterling Publishing, launches its first interior design book next week, *Debrett's Interior Design Collection*. Under the deal that produced Debrett's guide to European ski resorts last year, Sterling will produce the book, keeping the advertising revenue, and distribute it free to all the aristos listed in *Debrett's Peerage*. Lesser mortals will be able to buy a copy a few weeks later for £10.95 — with Debrett pocketing all sale proceeds.

Carol Leonard

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TIP Europe up 33% to £3.8m at halfway

TIP Europe, the trailer leasing and rental specialist which went public last month, has reported a 33 per cent rise in interim profits to £3.8 million. Mr Jim Cleary, the chairman, said the first dividend to be paid would be a final for the year to end-July 1988. "The directors expect that this dividend will be not less than 2.8p per ordinary share," he added.

Mr Cleary said the first half of the current year saw a further increase in utilization levels and in activity generally. "We are continuing with our expansion plans, which focus on the overall size of the trailer fleet and also the proportion of high specification units," said Mr Cleary. TIP Europe was formed from a management buyout from the US Gelco Corporation in 1986.

Rise at Trade Indemnity

Trade Indemnity, the credit insurer, lifted pretax profits from £9.37 million to £10.51 million in 1987. A final dividend of 3.4p, making 5.6p for the year, will be paid. Mr John Phillips, general manager, plans a £1 million promotion next month to help TI take advantage of the future single EEC market for non-life insurance.

USM début for Total

Total Systems, the specialist supplier of computer software to the banking, insurance and financial services sector, is joining the USM via a placing arranged through Albert E Sharp, a Midlands stockbroker. The group, which was founded in 1973, will be capitalized at £8.5 million on the 85p per share placing price.

Colorgraphic up 81%

Colorgraphic, a leading printer of sales promotional and marketing materials, pushed up pretax profits by almost 81 per cent last year to £2.032 million. Mr Nick Winks, the chief executive, said that all subsidiaries produced improved results. Profits had not benefited from the acquisition of Promotion Impressions in August despite the "excellent results" which it had produced since then.

The profits were matched by the costs of moving the subsidiary to larger premises. Mr Winks said that the deregulation of financial markets had led to a large increase in demand. Earnings per share climbed by 51.4 per cent to 12.84p. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 3.17p per share, making a total for the year of 4.5p (nil).

JM offshoot rises 82%

Jardine Fleming Holdings, the 50 per cent-owned merchant banking and broking offshoot of Jardine Matheson Holdings, reported an 82 per cent rise in annual profits to HK$380 million (£26.4 million) in 1987, from HK$209 million. It said: "Volumes of business for merchant banks will be somewhat reduced in 1988."

VW share offer opens

The West German government's offer to sell its remaining 4.8 million Volkswagen ordinary shares – 16 per cent of the company – at DM238 (£76.70) per share officially opened yesterday, with dealers continuing to predict the issue will be oversubscribed. On the stock market, VW's shares fell DM5.70 to DM244.30.

Morceau agrees bid

Morceau, the troubled fire protection systems installation company, has accepted a £6.6 million takeover bid from Tarmac, the building group. The directors and the family owning 35 per cent equity of Morceau are recommending a 64p-a-share cash offer. In the stock market the shares jumped 7p to 61p.

Last year Morceau made a pretax loss of £217,000. Trading in the first four months of the current year has been disappointing and the company has operated at a significant loss. The board says it is too early to forecast a return to profit. Morceau is to be run within Tarmac's industrial products division.

Pre-Easter Opec price meeting ruled out

Lagos (Reuter) – The meeting of the price committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to discuss the oil market will not take place before the Easter weekend, from April 1 to 4, a senior aide to Mr R'Iwanu Lukman, the group's president, said.

Mr Lukman announced on Wednesday the meeting would be held at the Opec secretariat in Vienna in the first week of April but Saudi Arabia asked that the talks be held immediately.

"We have to get a date convenient for all members," the aide said. "It can't be before Easter and it can t be within Easter."

The aide said the meeting would also have to be concluded before April 8 to enable Señor Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, the Venezuelan oil minister, to accompany his President on a state visit to Indonesia. Mr Lukman had asked the Vienna secretariat to consult all members and fix a suitable date.

The price committee – comprising Nigeria, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Indonesia – is empowered to call an extraordinary meeting of Opec's 13 ministers if oil prices drift too far from Opec's official price, set at about $18 a barrel.

Oil prices had fallen about $4 below Opec's $18 target, but have recovered by about $1 a barrel since Mr Lukman's announcement on Wednesday that the committee was to meet.

In a statement after Mr Lukman's price committee announcement, Mr Hisham Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, said: "To stop any confusion the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia requests the president (of the pricing panel) to hold an immediate meeting of the price monitoring committee to discuss the situation in all aspects."

The oil price rise stemmed largely from Wednesday's news that Opec's price monitoring committee would meet in Vienna in the first week of April.

Brent crude for May was trading early yesterday for up to $15.90 per barrel, the highest level for the most active forward month since February 24. On Wednesday, Brent crude traded between $15.00 and $15.50.

Cleveland wins £30m deal for UK's tallest building

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A contract for the steel frame of the 800-feet high main tower at Canary Wharf in London's Docklands – to be the country's tallest building – has been awarded to Britain's Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Company, part of Trafalgar House.

The contract is estimated to be worth up to £30 million and will safeguard 200 jobs for about a year at the Darlington and Teeside works of Cleveland Bridge. Another 100 jobs will be created during 50 weeks of construction at the Canary Wharf site on the Isle of Dogs.

Cleveland landed the contract against considerable international competition, including Canron, the Canadian company which has worked on other projects with Olympia & York, the Canadian-based developer of Canary Wharf.

The principal contractors for the Canary Wharf main tower, Ellis Don of Canada and Sir Robert McAlpine, the British construction company, invited bids from eight companies, the others being from mainland Europe within the European Economic Community.

Sir Nigel Broackes, the chairman of Trafalgar House, said the international competition had been stiff for such a prestigious contract.

The Cleveland Bridge proposal was the best based on a combination of price, quality and performance, according to Mr Michael Dennis, head of the Canary Wharf project for Olympia & York.

Cleveland Bridge was the only British company to submit a bid because the size of the contract put the project beyond the capacity of any other British construction company.

About 27,000 tonnes of steel will be involved in creating the frame for the building, almost all of it to be smelted and rolled by the British Steel Corporation at its plants at Ravenscraig, Scunthorpe and Lakenby.

The steel plate will be cut and built into prefabricated sections at Cleveland's northern facilties then transported south.

The 50-storey tower will have 1.8 million sq ft of floor area and is due for completion within two-and-a-half years. It will be the focal point of the £3 billion office development at Canary Wharf.

It could prove to be the tallest tower in Europe but might be topped by an office tower planned for Frankfurt's trade fair complex. The construction details for this building have not yet been announced.

The steel framing contracts for other parts of the Canary Wharf development, including two smaller towers, are expected to be awarded soon.



Flying the flag for Britain: Sir Nigel Broackes

EEC plans a levy for ships from Far East

From Jonathan Brande
Brussels

Ships built at dumping prices in Japan and Korea face having to pay heavy levies whenever they use European ports.

The European Commission, taking an aggressive stand against subsidized Far Eastern shipyards, said it was seeking talks with Japan and Korea on ways of raising their shipbuilding prices and cutting their surplus capacity.

However, if there was no agreement before the end of June, it would propose a levy on every ship ordered at "abnormal" prices after January 1, 1989.

The details and size of the levy have not yet been worked out. However, in principle, the Commission is clear that it would apply to whatever flag the ship was flying, including ships registered in the EEC.

The Commission said this stand was needed because the 12 EEC member countries' share of world shipbuilding had fallen from 64 per cent in 1950 to 13 per cent today.

EEC countries are allowed to subsidize production with a production aid of up to 28 per cent. But Commission officials say this is not enough to compete with the prices charged by Japan and Korea.

The moves are designed to push the Far Eastern yards into sharing out the world shipbuilding market.

Fish farmers urged to raise exports

By Our Industrial Editor

Fish farming is one of the fastest growing industries in the United Kingdom which has an even greater potential for exports.

This is the conclusion of a study on the prospects for mariculture and its technology for the Department of Trade and Industry by the marine studies department of Aberdeen University. Mariculture concerns the intensive farming of saltwater fish; aquaculture takes in both that and the farming of freshwater species like trout.

The world aquaculture market for goods and services, excluding actual farmed fish, is set to grow by an average of 7.5 per cent each year until the end of the century, according to the latest United Nations estimates.

The value of the world mariculture market, again not counting the fish, is estimated in the Aberdeen study at just under £2 billion a year as an average for the next five years.

A large growth in fish farming, especially that of salmon, is forecast up to the middle of the next decade.

Worldwide in 1985, 35,000 tonnes of farmed salmon were produced but this is expected to rise to 250,000 tonnes by 1990 going to 320,000 tonnes in 1995.

World production of farmed trout, which amounted to 7,000 tonnes in 1985, is expected to reach 11,000 tonnes by 1990 and to remain at the same level until 1995.

United Kingdom fish farmers account for just under 20 per cent of the production in both categories with much of the salmon being farmed in Scotland and the trout south of the border.

Experimental work is being conducted in the UK on farming of halibut, turbot and lobsters. The study suggests there also could be potential in sea bass, sea bream and possibly cod.

The UK fish farming industry has 72 per cent of the domestic mariculture market in goods and services, according to the study. This is regarded as satisfactory but exports so far are described as "disappointing" at only 1.9 per cent.

The study concludes that in the export market: "The potential benefits for the UK industry are too great to be ignored. A 5 per cent share of the world market – £95.4 million a year over the next five years – is a realistic short-term target which could be achieved through better marketing." In the longer term a 10 per cent share should be achievable, it adds.

The UK industry's sales of goods and services – from cages and nets to pumps and boats as well as consultancy and teaching – reached £37.3 million in 1986, of which £11.2 million was exported. Imports into the United Kingdom amounted to £10.1 million.

Large-scale investments by UK companies in mariculture abroad are limited to a few multinationals.

BP, the oil company, has a substantial share of the fish feeds market while Unilever, the foods to chemicals group, is cultivating tropical prawns on a substantial scale in Sri Lanka and Indonesia as well as farming salmon in Chile.

But exporters have scored some successes in providing specialized insurance, consultancy and teaching.

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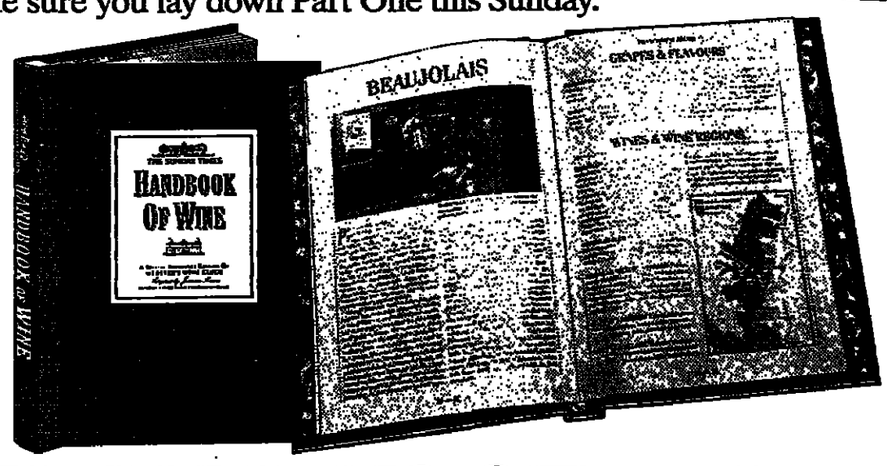
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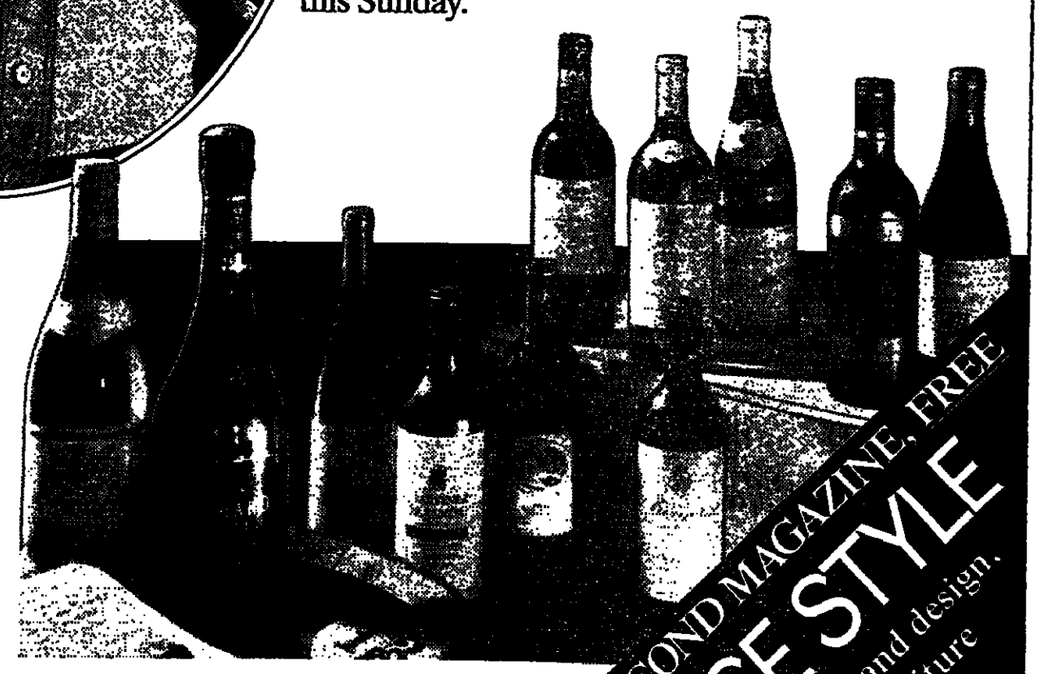
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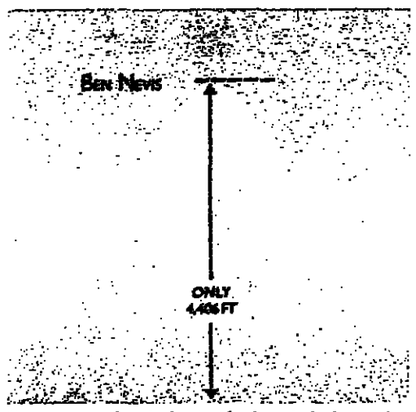
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EHP rises sharply on European takeovers

By Cliff Feltham

European Home Products, the distributor of Singer sewing machines, has been acquiring businesses in Europe while some other British companies were busily engaged in takeover activity in the US over the past three years.

Mr Douglas Ash, managing director, said yesterday: "It is now quite flattering to see other companies following us into Europe. We are extremely bullish about prospects."

EHP reported a sharp increase in full-year profits, from £4.8 million to £12.2 million. Sales rose by 57 per cent to nearly £200 million. Earnings a share were up from 12.5p to 19.2p.

The company has dramatically reduced its dependence on its Singer business. Last year it bought Werner, the largest distributor of socks and tights in Germany; Ivarte, Spain's largest retailer of electrical goods; and Scholl International, the sandals and footcare group. All three contributed to profits last year but the real impact is likely in the current 12 months.

EHP is now evenly split between distribution and retailing, operating 835 shops, the bulk of them in Italy, Portugal and Spain. Ninety per cent of its sales are on the continent. The shares traded 7p lower at 260p.

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Lucas asks for another act of faith

Lucas Industries' hefty £163 million rights issue poses more questions than it answers. And like the Bible story of the talents, in which three sons had to account for their spending, Lucas leans heavily on how well it managed the £89 million raised through its 1985 rights issue in seeking shareholders' confidence to support it again.

Nothing specific is earmarked in the rights document for the money being raised, an omission that some investors find odd, though there are broad hints that Lucas has a number of acquisitions — and directions — in mind.

Had it been able to come to the investment community with a specific deal lined up, then a vendor placing rather than a conventional rights issue in soggy market conditions might have been the chosen course.

Lucas says there is no special significance in the fact that the discount works out at about 18 per cent, though some cynics suggest such a deep discount is necessary if the rights issue boat is not to founder.

And it is an historical accident that the group's pension funds hold a useful 14 per cent of Lucas's capital, though because the company is now enjoying a pension fund holiday, the funds could well have to look to other sources when cheque-paying time arrives. Whether they follow through on this issue, as they did in the 1985 exercise, is a decision for the trustees.

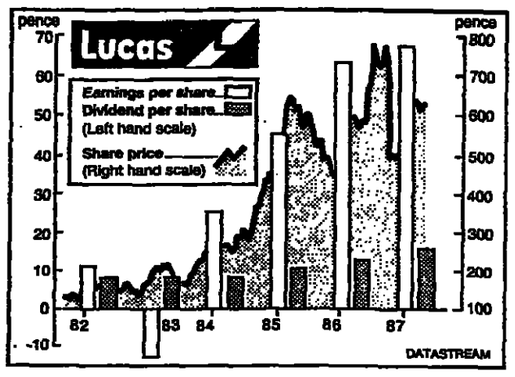
On balance, Lucas does, however, have the market's initial confidence that it has managed itself well.

Lucas whets the rights news with a 32.5 per cent rise in interim pretax profit from £40 million to £53 million, a dividend that has been increased from 2.6p to 6p a share (a percentage leap partly explained by group policy to reduce the disparity) and word that the year's total payment should be 20p compared with *16p paid previously.*

The profits mix is now healthier than it was in the early 1980s when automotive sales accounted for nearly 80 per cent of group turnover. But while the interim performance by the automotive division was good, with operating profit 35 per cent higher at £36.6 million, there *is a worrying trend within* aerospace where competitive conditions are having their impact.

Lucas should be good for £140 million pretax this year against £114.5 million seen in the year ended July. That *would put the shares — at* 573p, down 49p in reaction to the rights issue news and general market conditions — on a prospective multiple of 8.3.

The fall may not be entirely over yet, and a definitive plan of where the fresh cash is going would help lend support.



Cookson

The market is in such a contrary mood these days that it greeted Cookson Group's 52 per cent increase in pretax profits with a 21p drop in the share price to 556p.

The main worry was that Tioxide Group made lower second half than first half profits. Tioxide contributes half the group operating profits and any suggestion that its stupendous profit growth is running out of steam causes unease. The market for titanium dioxide, however, appears to remain as tight as ever and more price increases have just gone through. The slowdown in the second half was partly caused by the inability of factories to produce the *valuable chemical fast* enough. Cookson is adding 20 per cent more capacity during the next two years and is confident that demand is going to remain buoyant.

Cookson also suffers to some extent from being seen as a dollar stock. Although American operations contributed 20 per cent of profits last year, which will rise this year following acquisitions, the *currency effect was neutral.* The £4 million loss on the dollar was offset by a £2 million gain on mainly European currencies and a £2 million gain from lower interest on dollar borrowings.

Acquisitions chipped in £5 million to pretax profits, with Polyclad in from October, the outstanding 50 per cent of Vesuvius in from June and Plibrico from September.

Interest savings of £8 million were made following the £162 million rights issue just *over a year ago and from* strong cash flow, particularly from Tioxide. The company has gearing of only 16 per cent and is well placed to continue its acquisition programme. It will continue to look for acquisitions in metals and chemicals, industrial materials and ceramics and plastics.

Pretax profits this year are expected to reach £173 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of just above 9. The prospective yield, assuming a 25 per cent dividend increase, is 3.6 per cent. The company's *track record would indicate* that a higher rating is deserved, but the current state of the market is not accommodating.

Smith & Nephew

Analysts have become so used to the Smith & Nephew earnings juggernaut carrying earnings per share ever onwards at a growth rate of not less than 20 per cent a year, that anything less was bound to feel like putting on the anchors.

An increase of 15 per cent to 8.2p is a good performance by any standards, but when the market is expecting more, then it is not good enough.

A main factor in the disappointing performance was the Richards Medical acquisition purchased towards the end of 1986. Although *Richards, one of the top three* orthopaedics companies, gained market share, and 1987 was the strongest year for US orthopaedics for several years, Richards' margins remain slightly below those of Smith & Nephew as a whole, reducing the group average.

In addition, there were a number of one-off reorganization costs in the final quarter.

The question to which there is no easy answer is whether the group's growth curve really has finally flattened out.

Smith itself is taking no chances. Capital spending for developments was stepped up last year by about £20 million to £50 million, and will continue at this higher rate. The *main areas of spending will be* Europe, where its market share is growing fast, and the US.

Despite the higher capital spending levels, the debt/equity ratio remains at an acceptable 31 per cent, and the group is looking for further acquisitions, especially in health-care in the US and Europe.

Active treasury management has resulted in no interest payments to speak of, while the tax charge is expected to remain at a favourable 29 per cent.

Assuming a 15 per cent *profit rise to £125 million* pretax this year, the prospective multiple is 13.6. The rating looks fair till the growth prospects are clearer.

US bank to cease British mortgages

Chemical Bank International Ltd, owned by Chemical New York Corporation, plans to sell its British home mortgage subsidiary and has transferred part of its corporate finance team to Baring Brothers.

The mortgage unit, which began making loans in 1981, has about $1.3 billion (£706 million) in loans outstanding. Chemical said it has retained SG Warburg as financial adviser.

Chemical said that, although the subsidiary is quite profitable, the capital deployed in home lending could be put to better use elsewhere. The bank plans to concentrate on wholesale lending, rather than retail lending.

The Bank of England has recently raised the standards for capital adequacy which require banks to hold specific amounts of reserves for each type of loan on their books.

While home lending generally requires banks to hold only 0.5 per cent of the value of a home mortgage as reserves — lower than for many other kinds of loans, the easier standards apply only to mortgages made in the bank's home market.

As Chemical is a US-based bank, it would have to hold twice as much capital under the new rules as its British competitors, making it much more expensive to run, the bank said.

Swire Pacific rise to HK$2.4bn is less than expected

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Swire Pacific revealed that after-tax profits for 1987 were 34.3 per cent up at HK$2.4 billion (£166.7 million), well below analysts' expectations.

Share watchers had been expecting a 50 per cent rise after Monday's news that the Swire-controlled airline Cathay Pacific had boosted profits by 70 per cent to HK$2.12 billion last year.

An analyst with Scrimgeour Vickers, for instance, had said the airline's figures were "an indicator of how Cathay can perform when all of the variables are in its favour" and promptly revised his forecast for Swire to HK$2.8 billion from HK$2.3 billion.

Yesterday Mr Michael Miles, the outgoing Swire chairman, pointed out that his group's stake in Cathay Pacific was diluted to 50 per cent from 54 per cent in February last year, after the airline issued more than 200 million new shares to the Peking-backed *China International* Trust and Investment Corporation. He suggested this might have affected the calculations.

Swire's two main activities are the airline business and property development and investment, which together account for more than 80 per cent of profits. Both performed well, said Mr Miles, with turnover up 21 per cent to HK$20.2 billion.

Swire also controls Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering *Company, which maintains* aircraft at Kai Tak Airport. The company had announced an increase in operating profit of 19.4 per cent to HK$210.2 million.

Swire Properties plans to shift its focus from property trading to longer-term investments, with Swire expecting at least HK$1 billion a year in annual rental by 1991.

The group completed a property revaluation at the end of 1987, resulting in an *increase of HK$4 billion in* valuation reserves. Mr Miles said the net asset value of the "A" shares closed 20 cents down at HK$17.70 while the "B" shares were 7.5 cents down at HK$3.10.

The "A" shares are to receive a final dividend of 43 cents a share, making the total *62 cents (51.7 cents).* The "B" shares' final dividend is 8.6 cents, making a total 12.4 cents (10.3 cents).

Mr Miles steps down as chairman this summer, to join the parent company in London, John Swire and Sons, as executive director. He will be replaced by Mr David Gledhill, the deputy chairman.

Chemical industry to invest £5.5bn over three years

By David Young

Britain's chemical industry has shrugged off the October stock *market collapse and is* planning its biggest investment programme. Figures issued yesterday by the Chemical Industries Association show that the spending peak of 1977 will be exceeded by 20 per cent, with £5.5 billion spent over the next three years on new plant and investment.

Capital spending in the chemical industry is expected to rise to £1.7 billion this year alone, an increase of nearly 9 per cent over the previous year, and spending in 1989 is expected to be even higher.

Total capital investment over 1988-1990 is forecast at nearly £5.5 billion, and in real terms this represents an increase of about 20 per cent over any previous predictions.

Mr Norman Hunter, chairman of the CIA's trade affairs board, said: "The industry's current investment intentions result in particular from the improved economic conditions and cash flow position in the industry.

"This is a very strong statement of intent by the UK industry to continue to develop its domestic manufacturing base, reflecting considerable confidence in the UK economy and chemical industry prospects — although there is concern that sterling should not be allowed to appreciate too far to dampen export growth."

However, the industry is concerned at a shortage of skilled engineers which could slow down growth. It has found that many trained chemists are leaving the industry, attracted to the higher salaries in the City, where their experience of handling computer programmes is taken up by the financial services sector.

The CIA said that, in view of the stock market collapse, companies were asked in more detail about their investment intentions.

The CIA said: "Most reported that the fall in the stock market had little direct impact on their spending plans, and business confidence has revived since Black Monday. Uncertainties remain high, however, particularly about the US economy and the dollar.

"Within the UK a major short-term concern is that the pound will be allowed to strengthen further against the dollar and European currencies, which would dampen *export growth and reduce* profitability and could jeopardize certain projects."

The report also shows that for the first time since 1982 Scotland's share of new investments is expected to increase.

The report says the share of business activity in the North-east and Humberside is expected to decline, while the South-east and East Anglia will continue to attract an increasing proportion of the industry's planned capital spending.

The CIA added: "The ending of regional development grants announced under the Government's new enterprise initiative is unlikely to have much impact on the industry, as the level of grants received has fallen sharply since 1984 when the link to employment was ended. Government grants and selective assistance received by the companies involved in the survey will decline from £21 million in 1987 to £7 million in 1990."

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	1987 12 Months	1986* 12 Months
Turnover	£2,818m	£2,747m
Profit before tax	£408m	£314m
Earnings per stock unit	30.9p	29.9p
Net dividends per stock unit	9.20p	8.16p#
Debt/Equity ratio	57%	81%

*1986 includes Distillers from 18 April 1986. Assuming inclusion of Distillers for the full year, profit before tax on a *pro-forma* basis would have been £376m and earnings per stock unit 28.7p.
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APPOINTMENTS

Standard Life Assurance: Mr **Norman Lessels** has been made chairman, Sir Lawrence Airey deputy chairman and Mr A Scott Bell managing director and actuary.

Stone & Webster Engineering: Dr **Lionel Chambers** is now a director.

Global Software UK: Mr **John Priestley** has been promoted to managing director.

Theodore Goddard: Mr **John Murphy** will become a partner on April 5.

Monotype Corporation: Mr **Ken Allen** has been appointed a non-executive director.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyon	330	50	60	65	3	7	10
(*377)	360	25	37	45	7	18	25
	390	8	20	28	22	33	40
Bass	750	115	130	150	3	7	12
(*857)	800	68	92	115	7	18	27
	850	30	62	85	20	40	45
Brit Air	140	34	38	40	1	4	8
(*173)	160	18	20	26	4	10	15
	180	4	10	17	11	19	22
Brit Com	280	25	33	43	2	10	15
(*295)	300	15	23	32	12	20	22
	330	4	13	20	38	37	42
Brit Gas	130	9	15	18	1½	5½	8
(*137)	140	4	9½	12½	6	10½	14
	160	1	4	6	24	24	26
BP	240	33	42	48	1⅛	5	9
(*269)	260	16	28	36	4	10	15
	280	5½	17	25	14	20	26
Britoil	420	102	-	-	1	2	2
(*517)	460	60	62	70	2	3	6
	500	20	30	40	2½	10	20
Cons Gold	850	100	155	175	17	43	65
(*925)	900	75	125	145	37	70	85
	950	46	105	120	65	100	110
Courtauld	300	32	40	48	5	14	15
(*324)	330	10	23	30	13	30	35
	360	2½	13	20	38	56	55
	390	1	7	-	68	75	-
Com Union	300	27	45	52	2	10	13
(*325)	330	11	27	32	13	22	28
	360	5	15	20	38	43	47
C & W	330	14	30	40	8	19	28
(*334)	360	6	18	28	30	40	46
	390	1½	8	17	58	65	72
GEC	140	12	18	22	1⅝	5½	9½
(*149)	160	2	8	12	13	16	21
	180	1	3	5½	33	34	35
GKN	280	36	49	56	3	10	15
(*307)	300	21	34	40	9	17	22
	330	2	18	26	25	30	36
	360	-	9	-	53	57	-
Grand Met	420	65	85	90	1	9	13
(*486)	460	33	55	63	8	20	28
	500	11	33	40	30	37	45
	550	3	14	23	70	73	75
ICI	950	90	130	-	7	23	-
(*1027)	1000	50	92	110	17	40	57
	1050	23	65	-	42	62	-
	1100	10	45	63	80	95	113
Jaguar	300	7	22	32	20	32	40
(*287)	330	2	11	18	48	53	60
	360	1	5	12	78	82	80
Land Sec	460	72	78	90	3	10	20
(*532)	500	37	50	67	8	22	32
	550	8	25	40	32	47	53
M & S	160	20	22	28	1	5	8
(*176)	180	5	12	17	7	16	19
	200	1	5½	10	23	28	31
R-Royce	120	5	10	14	8	12	14
(*121)	130	2	6	11	18	19	20
	140	1	4	8	25	26	28
STC	220	27	37	40	2	7	11
(*244)	240	14	24	30	8	15	20
	260	5	15	22	21	24	31
Sainsbury	220	15	22	27	2½	7	8
(*232)	240	4	11	16	12	16	19
	260	1	5	9	30	32	34
Shell	1000	75	115	135	10	25	40
(*1058)	1050	37	80	-	27	42	-
	1100	15	53	80	54	67	80
Storehse	220	18	27	34	3	13	18
(*233)	240	7	16	24	12	24	28
	260	2	9	16	28	38	43
	280	1½	4	-	48	55	-
Trafalgar	300	30	38	52	5	12	20
(*326)	330	13	22	32	17	25	35
	360	4	12	22	40	48	57
TSB	110	11	15	18	1½	2½	5
(*109)	110	4	10	12	5	7	9
	120	2	5	8	13	14	15
Woolworth	260	27	35	42	2	13	14
(*285)	280	12	23	32	9	23	28
	300	5	13	22	25	35	40

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad	140	30	37	-	6	8	-
(*162)	160	18	24	29	13	15	17
	180	8	15	20	24	25	28
Barclays	460	50	60	70	12	22	27
(*490)	500	25	35	45	32	42	45
	550	7	15	-	67	75	-
Beecham	420	58	67	-	7	15	-
(*462)	460	32	43	52	20	29	35
	500	15	27	35	42	55	58
	550	4	-	-	83	-	-
Boots	220	13	22	26	16	20	24
(*219)	240	6	13	18	30	34	36
	260	2½	8	-	48	50	-
BTR	240	25	32	37	9	14	18
(*250)	260	13	22	27	20	24	28
	280	7	14	20	35	36	40
Blue Circ	420	48	65	78	15	27	30
(*455)	460	25	40	52	37	47	50
	500	11	22	35	65	70	75
Dixons	180	13	19	22	13	20	22
(*178)	200	6	11	16	26	30	29
	220	2	6	-	42	44	-

March 24, 1988 Total: 38601 Calls 22376 Puts 14225 *Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo	950	105	140	-	22	38	-
(*1024)	1000	72	110	133	40	62	75
	1050	47	85	-	65	90	-
	1100	30	65	85	100	115	130
Hanson	120	16½	20	-	2	4½	-
(*133)	130	9½	14½	19½	5½	6½	10
	140	5	11	13½	11	13½	15½
	150	1	5	7½	27	27	28
Hawker	460	35	53	60	27	35	38
(*479)	500	18	33	40	52	55	55
	550	8	18	25	90	95	98
Lonhro	220	42	46	-	4½	6	-
(*255)	240	27	32	38	9	12	14
	260	14	21	27	16	21	23
	280	8	13	-	30	34	-
Midland	360	52	70	-	7	12	-
(*405)	390	40	50	60	15	22	27
	420	29	36	42	30	40	45
Sears	120	17	21	-	3½	5½	-
(*133)	140	5½	10	13	14	16	19
	160	1	6	8	34	34	-
Tesco	140	24	28	-	3	6	-
(*159)	160	11	17	20	14	15	16
	180	5	8	12	25	29	30
Thorn EMI	500	120	132	-	4	10	-
(*608)	550	77	92	105	8	20	27
	600	45	60	70	25	40	45
	650	21	34	45	57	67	77
THF	220	27	33	40	5	10	12
(*240)	240	14	20	25	12	18	22
	260	6	10	14	30	33	36
Unilever	460	48	65	77	14	22	32
(*477)	500	23	42	55	33	50	50
	550	10	24	-	67	77	-
Wellcome	420	55	79	-	15	27	-
(*458)	460	35	58	68	33	45	53
	500	20	40	52	58	68	75

	Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	100	20	29	36	3	8	11
(*118)	110	16	22	31	5	11	15
	120	8	17	25	10	16	20
Brit Aero	300	58	62	-	4	11	-
(*360)	330	32	40	47	13	22	30
	360	6	15	23	55	55	63
BAT Ind	390	60	65	-	4	11	-
(*447)	420	33	47	60	11	22	30
	460	14	28	40	35	45	50
	500	6	16	26	70	75	80
Brit Tele	220	34	41	47	1	5	7
(*251)	240	17	24	32	4	12	14
	260	7	19	19	14	23	26
Cadbury	240	30	38	46	4	8	13
(*284)	260	16	26	34	10	16	23
	280	7	17	25	22	28	35
Guinness	280	48	-	58	2	-	9
(*308)	300	28	-	43	7	-	18
	300	17	-	33	17	-	28
Ladbroke	300	110	113	-	1	2	-
(*407)	330	80	85	93	2	5	8
	360	53	58	68	4	10	17
LASMO	280	61	70	78	4	11	15
(*335)	300	43	52	65	9	17	25
	330	23	35	47	23	32	38
	200	23	30	40	5	13	20
Pilkington	220	12	20	25	15	23	32
(*215)	240	6	12	18	33	40	45
	260	2	6	-	50	53	-
Plessey	140	24	29	34	2½	8	10
(*165)	160	11	16	23	10	16	18
	180	5	8	14	26	29	32
P & O	500	110	112	120	3	8	12
(*605)	550	62	75	87	10	18	28
	600	23	45	57	30	40	50
Prudential	600	60	90	95	18	35	45
(*654)	650	28	57	65	48	55	65
	900	10	33	45	80	85	95
Racal	200	27	32	39	4	9	12
(*220)	220	13	21	28	12	20	22
	240	6	12	19	25	31	34
RTZ	300	82	95	-	5	9	-
(*368)	330	53	70	80	9	18	22
	360	30	47	57	18	28	35
Vaal Reefs	90	14	20	24	5	11	14
(*596)	100	8½	15	16	12	17	22
	110	5	10	-	20	25	-
Tr 12% 1995	110	3 1/16	3½	3 9/16	11/32	9/16	1 1/16
(*113)	112	1⅝	2 1/16	2⅜	9/32	1⅜	2 5/16
	114	⅝	1 5/16	1½	1⅝	2⅜	3⅛
Tr 11¾% 03/07	116	11/32	9/32	-	1	3 1/16	4⅜
(*120)	114	5⅝	-	-	1	9/16	-
	116	4½	-	-	1 11/16	-	-
	118	2⅜	-	-	1⅝	-	-
	120	1⅛	-	-	2 1/32	-	-
	122	1 1/32	-	-	3 9/32	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1798)

Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1600	203	220	—	—	1	9	—	—
1650	153	175	187	203	2	17	28	35
1700	103	130	147	165	3	28	37	47
1750	55	80	100	130	10	42	55	63
1800	19	50	70	95	28	60	73	85
1850	4	30	45	73	63	80	93	110
1900	1½	15	32	53	112	123	125	127

FT-SE: Calls 3456 Puts 3513

New team outlines Wilkes strategy

By John Bell
City Editor

James Wilkes, the engineering group which has suffered two boardroom upheavals in the past 12 months, has unveiled its new corporate structure.

Mr Stephen Hinchliffe, who last month led a management buy-in at Wilkes, yesterday told shareholders of his plans to expand the business from a base of four divisions.

The new three-man team at the top — Mr Hinchliffe, Mr Andrew Hartley, a Sheffield - solicitor, and Mr Arthur Watt, a chartered accountant — has brought considerable industrial, financial and property experience to the board, he said.

Using the existing operations as a firm base, the group would expand organically and *by acquisition in four divisions*: engineering and manufacturing; publicity and promotional material; waste management and disposal; and property and investment.

A large contract accounting for 40 per cent of annual sales had set the engineering subsidiary, Deritend, on a profitable course. The current order book was satisfactory.

John Quarmby, the promotional materials company, *contributed modest profits* last year and was capable of further expansion, said Mr Hinchliffe.

Cumbria Land was the only significant waste management and disposal facility within its area. With much increased activity at Barrow, improved profits were forecast.

Closures and other costs at TC Thompson, the printing machinery maker, involved large write-offs,

Mr Hinchliffe and his colleagues arrived at Wilkes after buying 29.6 per cent of the company from Throgmorton Nominees. They replaced a group of investors led by Mr Peter NUtting, who took control in May last year. Mr Nutting has stepped down as chairman but remains as deputy chairman.

Mr Hinchcliffe said that Mr Nutting and his colleagues had restored the copmany to profitability in 1987. Pretax profits were £917,578 compared with a loss of £216,000 in the provious year.

The board is paying an unchanged final dividend of 3.75p per share is being paid.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS ROUNDUP: TOKYO

Nikkei drops on settlement day caution

(Reuter) — Share prices closed lower yesterday due to the faltering dollar, coupled with caution before both the end of the fiscal year on March 31 and the end of trading for March settlement today, brokers said.

"Institutional investors are stepping back," said Mr Tadaaki Uehara, the deputy general manager of Wako Securities. "The fall is a technical response to these factors."

The Nikkei index lost 113.95 points, or 0.44 per cent, to 25,781.28, after rising 52.48 points on Wednesday.

Declining shares led rises by two to one on a turnover of 800 million shares against 1.5 billion on Wednesday, the lowest full-day volume since March 8.

Shares in the communications, securities house, non-life insurance, rubber, real estate, precision instruments, warehouse, electrical, shipbuilding and bank sectors declined.

Service, pulp-paper, railway-bus and some manufacturing shares gained ground. Steel and shipbuilding shares were broadly lower, brokers said.

For institutions whose fiscal year ends on March 31, the first day for April settlement is next Monday, brokers said. Investors usually do not take major positions now to avoid possible losses on their books, they added.

Trading by the big four securities houses has also simmered down, as has the interest in large capital issues.

NEW YORK

Dow takes an early tumble

(Reuter) — *Shares fell sharply* in early trading yesterday on a drop in the dollar to under Y126, which drove down bond prices. Brokers reported that selling was coming from all market sectors.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 33 points to 2,034.64. Falling issues outnumbered rising ones by 1,000 to 125. Trading was active.

Japanese shares fell after a drop in the Tokyo market overnight related to the weak dollar and the strong yen. Matsushita fell by 6¾ to 206 and Hitachi by 2⅞ to 162½.

On Wednesday, the Dow average rose by 1.49 points to 2,067.64.

● St Louis, Missouri — CPC-Rexcel Inc reports that during the past few months it has received several indications from third parties of possible interest in acquiring the company.

The company said it had retained Drexel Burnham *Lambert Inc* to advise CPC-Rexcel with respect to such a transaction and to explore the possible interest of other third parties in acquiring the company.

The company said at this stage it does not know if an acquisition will, in fact, occur.

CPC-Rexcel makes plastic lids and containers.

● New York — Moody's Investors Service said that it may upgrade Enron Corporation's $3 billion of debt.

FRANKFURT

Siemens warning pulls down prices

(Reuter) — Leading West German share prices closed sharply lower, extending this week's losing run, as disappointing news from Siemens stopped dead a tentative early rally.

The blue chip electronics company told shareholders that pressure on earnings could increase during its business year to end-September.

Siemens shares tumbled DM15 to DM383.50, prompting selling in other stocks. The Commerzbank 60-share index, set at mid-session, fell to 1,424.7 from 1,447.5 points.

"Everything was looking great early on, but then the news from Siemens came out and we all had to run for cover," said one West German bank dealer.

"It wasn't really anything new but the market decided to take it very badly," added another dealer.

Rivals Nixdorf and AEG also suffered falls, down DM10.50 to DM560 and DM4.60 to DM243.50 respectively.

Other leading sectors followed suit.

SYDNEY

Interest from abroad lifts shares

(Reuter) — The national share market closed sharply higher, with gains in all sectors, as increased foreign interest boosted local investor confidence.

Recent favourable broker reports on The News Corporation focused attention on the rest of the Australian market, brokers said.

The All-Ordinaries index closed up 22.7 points at 1,450.5 and the All-Industrials rose 26.0 points to 2,326.6. The All-Resources index advanced 19.1 points to 788.0.

National turnover was 164.41 million shares worth Aus$256.99 million (£103.62 million).

HONG KONG

Hang Seng slips on slow trading

(Reuter) — Share prices ended lower in slow trading, depressed by short-term selling and institutional investors remaining on the sidelines, *brokers said.*

The Hang Seng index closed 15.51 points lower at 2,546.40, while the broader-based Hong Kong index shed 10.42 points to 1,668.72. Turnover at HK$833.56 million (£62.52 million) compared with Wednesday's HK$899.16 million.

"Small investors were puzzled by the market's future trend and were cutting their holdings before the long Easter holidays," a broker said.

SINGAPORE

Equities edge lower in profit-taking

(AP-Dow Jones) — Share prices edged down in moderate trading on profit-taking, brokers said.

"Prices basically see-sawed in the day and I saw some likeliness of a rally in the early morning, but they came off later in the day," said a dealer.

The market which has posted gains in the past four weeks is undergoing an expected correction, market participants said but the underlying sentiment remains bullish. *The Straits Times* industrial index, was down by 3.05 points at 958.45, while the All-Share index was down 0.92 to 275.29.

WALL STREET

	Mar 23	Mar 22		Mar 23	Mar 22		Mar 23	Mar 22
AMR Cp	44¾	44¾	Fedders	9¾	9¾	Pennzoil	75¾	77½
ASA	47	46¾	Firestone	78½	78½	Pepsico	35	34⅛
Aetna Life	44¾	45⅜	Fst Chicago	25⅛	25⅛	Pfizer	55½	54½
Allied Signal	33⅜	32⅝	Fst Int Bncp	45⅛	44⅛	Phelps Dod	43¾	42¾
Allis Chim	1⅜	1⅜	Fst Penn C	10⅜	10½	Philip Mor	93	93
Alcoa	44⅜	45	FT Wachva	36⅜	36½	Philip Pet	17⅜	17
Amax Inc	20¼	19½	Ford Motor	43⅜	43⅜	Polaroid	32⅜	33⅛
AMR Hess	30⅜	30	GAF Cp	54¾	55¾	Primerica	31⅜	31¼
Am Brands	44⅞	45	GTE Cp	38	38⅛	Proct Gbla	80⅜	81⅝
Am Cynmd	51	50⅜	Gen Cp	20	20⅜	Pub S E G	23¾	23⅞
Am Ella Pwr	28	28⅜	Gn Dynam	57⅜	58½	R Nabisco	51⅜	50⅞
Amoco	26	26	Gen Electric	42⅜	43⅛	Raytheon	69⅜	69⅝
Am Family	16¼	16⅛	Gen Inst	33⅜	33⅜	Rynlds Metl	45	45
Am Home	82	81½	Gen Mills	49¼	49¾	Rockwell Int	20⅞	21⅛
Am Int Grp	57¼	56¾	Gen Motors	72¾	72¾	Royal Dutch	121⅞	119⅞
Am Stand	76¼	76⅜	Gen Pub Ut	32¼	31⅞	SFE Sopac	17⅛	17
Am Telph	28¼	28⅜	Genesco	4⅜	4⅜	Sara Lee	41⅜	41¼
Amoco Cp	75⅝	75⅛	Georgia Pac	37⅞	37⅞	Schlumb	35⅛	36
Anheuser B	31⅛	31⅛	Gillette	42⅝	39½	Scott Paper	39¼	39
Ammco Steel	11¾	11⅜	Goodrich	51⅛	51⅞	Seagram	54⅜	54¼
Asarco Inc	25⅞	24⅜	Goodyear	63⅜	63	Sears Roeb	38⅜	38⅝
Ashland Oil	65¾	66	Gould Inc	13	12⅜	Shell Trans	79	77⅞
Atl Richfld	81⅜	81⅞	Grace Co	27	26¾	Singer	49⅜	48¾
Avon Prod	22⅜	22⅛	Grt Atl Pac	37⅛	36¼	Smith Beck	57⅞	58⅛
Bk Boston	24½	24½	Greyhnd	30¼	29¾	Sony Cp	41¾	41⅝
Bank NY	30¼	29¾	Gruman	23⅝	23¾	Sth Cal Ed	31⅜	31⅜
Bankamer	11⅛	10⅝	Gulf & West	81⅛	80⅜	SW Bell	37⅜	37⅜
Blurs Tst NY	33⅜	33⅜	Heinz	44⅛	44	Squibb	67¾	67¾
Baxter	24¼	24⅛	Hercules	50¾	51	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	22¾	22⅛	Hewlett Pk	62⅝	63¾	Stevens JP	63	62⅞
Boeing	47¾	48⅛	Honeywell	66¾	67¼	Sun Comp	58¾	58¾
Boise Casc	45¾	46⅜	IC Ind	34½	34½	TRW Inc	51	51
Borden	55¾	55⅞	ITT Cp	46¾	46¾	Teledyne	337⅜	334½
Bristl Meyr	43	44⅜	INCO	25¾	24¾	Tenneco	43¾	43⅝
BP	60¼	59⅜	Ing Rand Wi	40¾	40¼	Texaco	46⅝	45⅞
Brunswick	32¼	33¼	Inland Steel	32¼	33¼	Tex Eastn	32¾	29¾
Burl Nth	72¾	71⅞	IBM	111⅝	113¾	Texas Inst	50¾	51¾
CBS	164	162¾	Int Paper	43¾	44⅛	Tex Util	28⅝	27¾
CMS Engy	17⅜	17⅜	Irving Bk	59¾	57¾	Textron	29	24
CPC Int	50¾	49⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	84½	85	Travelers	36¾	36½
CSX Cp	32	31¾	K Mart	36⅞	36¼	USG	38¾	38¾
Camp Soup	29¾	29⅜	Kaisertech	12¾	11⅝	USX Cp	31¾	31⅜
Can Pacific	19⅛	19¼	Kerr McGee	37¾	37¼	Unilever Plc	36⅛	36¾
Caterpillar	64¾	65	Kimbrly Clrk	57	57⅜	Un Carbide	24⅛	24¾
Centrl SW	31¾	31⅞	Kraft	55	55	Un Pac Cp	68⅛	65¾
Champion	39⅝	39⅝	Kroger	37⅛	36¾	Unisys Cp	39⅝	39¾
Chase Man	25¾	25¾	LTV Cp	3½	3½	Utd Brands	49	49½
Chem NY	23¾	23½	Litton	83⅜	83⅛	Us West	53¾	53
Chevron	46⅝	46⅝	Lockheed	45½	44¾	Utd Tech	42¼	41¾
Chrysler	24⅜	24½	Lucky Str	48¾	48½	Unocal	37⅜	37⅞
Citicorp	20	19¾	Man H'nwer	28⅜	27¾	Warn Lamb	75¾	76
Clark Eq	27⅜	26¾	Manville	2¾	2½	Wells Far	54	54
Coca Cola	39¾	39½	Mapco	52½	52¼	Westg El	51¼	51¼
Colgate	44⅛	43⅞	Marriott	32	32⅛	Weyerhsr	41⅜	42⅛
Columb Gas	29¾	28¾	Mt Marrieta	47¾	47⅞	Whirlpool	27¾	27¾
Cmb'tn Eng	34½	35	Masco	28⅝	28½	Woolworth	47⅞	48
Cmwlth Edi	28⅛	28¼	Mcdonalds	44¾	45⅛	Xerox Cp	56⅛	56⅝
Cons Edis	43¾	44⅛	McDonnell	33¾	33¾	Zenith	17⅛	17⅛
Consol Ng	37⅞	37⅞	Mead Cp	39½	39⅛			
Cont Data	27¼	26½	Merck	165	160½			
Corning Gl	54¼	54¾	Minsta Mng	61⅞	62¾			
Crane	31¾	31⅞	Mobil	45½	45¾			
Curtiss W	53	52½	Monsanto	83¼	84			
Data Gent	23⅜	23¾	Montedison	11⅝	11⅞			
Deere Co	45⅞	45⅝	Morgan Jp	33¾	33¾			
Delta Airl	51½	51¾	Motorola	46¾	47¾			
Detroit Edi	13¾	13¾	NCR	59¾	61			
Digital Eq	111⅞	112¾	NL Indstrs	7⅛	7⅛			
Disney	82¾	82¾	Nat Md Ent	22¾	22⅝			
Dow Chem	86¾	86¼	Nat Semi	12¾	12¾			
Dresser Ind	32¾	33	Norfolk Sth	29¾	29½			
Dupont	85⅞	86¾	NW Bancrp	44	42⅝			
Duke Pwr	44¾	44¾	Occid Petl	28¼	28¾			
East Kodak	41⅝	41⅞	Ogden Cp	30¾	30¾			
Eaton Cp	80	79½	Olin Cp	57¾	57¾			
Emerson El	32¾	32¾	PPG Ind	39⅛	40½			
Emery Air	6¾	6¾	Pac Gas El	16¼	16¼			
Exxon	44¾	43½	Pan Am	3	3			
Farah Inc	10¾	10	Penney JC	48¾	48¾			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	19¾	19¾
Alcan Alum	36¾	36
Algoma Stl	19.50	19.00
Can Pacific	24¾	24¼
Cominco	18½	17¾
Com Bathrst	18¼	17½
Hawk S Can	23	22
Hud Bay M	21	21
Imasco	29½	29
Imperial Oil	58¾	57¼
Int Pipe	45¾	45¾
Royl Trstco	17	16¾
Seagram	67¾	67½
Shelco 'A'	40¾	40¾
Thmsn N 'A'	28	27¾
Vanity Cp	3.60	3.55
WCT	17¾	17¾
Weston	53¾	53¾

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	890	Coats	2,071	Laporte	2,639	Royal Ins	1,369
Abbey	1,261	CU	1,771	L&G	1,939	Saatchi	430
Ald-Lyons	2,805	Cons Gold	370	Lloyds	1,903	Sainsbury	3,183
Amstrad	2,740	Cookson	2,219	Lonrho	689	Scot & N	1,551
ASDA	2,065	Courtaulds	3,170	Lucas	3,731	Sears	3,907
AB Foods	186	Dalgety	218	Magnet	99	Sedgwck	583
Argyll	2,284	Dee	1,613	M&S	2,333	Shell	1,452
BAA	2,854	Dixons	1,776	Maxwell Cm	719	Smth & N	6,728
BET	2,542	ECC	719	MEPC	1,376	Smith WH	381
BTR	4,599	Enterprise	1,563	Metal Box	958	STC	1,027
BAT	5,676	Ferranti	2,939	Midland	2,916	Stan Chart	318
Barclays	2,267	Fisons	1,672	NatWest	1,919	Storehse	776
Bass	932	Gen Acc	381	Next	2,010	Sun Allnce	421
Beecham	4,793	GEC	4,595	Nth Food	1,694	T & N	975
Beazer	919	Glaxo	2,942	P&O	2,834	Tarmac	2,198
BICC	443	Globe	106	Pearl	424	Tate & Lyle	434
Blue Arrow	2,035	Granada	2,260	Pearson	234	TSB	4,410
Blue Circle	816	Grand Met	2,068	Pilkington	4,772	Tesco	1,685
BOC	947	GUS 'A'	123	Plessey	11,218	Thorn EMI	1,037
Boots	2,867	GRE	229	Prudential	1,251	Trafalgar	3,630
BPB	995	GKN	1,359	Racal	1,241	THF	1,186
Br Aero	1,408	Guinness	2,865	Rk Hovis	1,054	Ultramar	1,419
Br Airways	6,541	Hamm 'A'	649	Rank	1,034	Unigate	1,026
Br Comm	1,248	Hanson	9,531	R&C	302	Unilever	2,340
Br Gas	10,470	Hawker	1,092	Redland	1,430	United Bis	1,066
Br Petrol

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Borland	Electricals	
2	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
3	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
4	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
5	Elco	Industrials E-K	
6	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
7	Glenuree	Property	
8	Noble & Lund	Industrials L-R	
9	Edbro	Industrials E-K	
10	Manganese Bronze	Industrials L-R	
11	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
12	Formaster	Drapery,Stores	
13	Park Foods	Foods	
14	Black Arrow	Industrials A-D	
15	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
16	Wood (A)	Industrials S-Z	
17	Jessups	Motors,Aircraft	
18	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
19	Campari	Leisure	
20	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
21	Meat Trade Supp	Foods	
22	Ropner	Industrials L-R	
23	Plessey (ss)	Electricals	
24	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
25	Barker (Charles)	Paper,Print,Adv	
26	Cap & Counties	Property	
27	Microgen	Electricals	
28	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
29	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Central TV	Cinemas,TV	
31	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
32	Stag Furniture	Industrials S-Z	
33	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
34	Church	Drapery,Stores	
35	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
36	News International	Newspapers,Pub	
37	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
38	Grampian Hldgs	Industrials E-K	
39	Allied Lon	Property	
40	Molins	Industrials L-R	
41	Estates Prop	Property	
42	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
43	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
44	Courts (Furn) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1987/88 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. cover yield%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102¼	100⅝	Exch	10¾%	1988	100⅝	..	10.4	8.562
101⅝	99	Treas C	9¾%	1988	100⅛	..	9.7	8.470
98¾	92¾	Trans	3%	1978-88	98⅝	..	3.053	6.723
101⅜	94¼	Treas	9¾%	1989	100⅞	..	9.45	8.662
105¼	95⅜	Treas	11¾%	1989	105⅝	..	11.5	8.553
104⅜	97¼	Treas	10¾%	1989	101⅛	-⅛	10.3	8.760
103⅜	96⅜	Exch	10%	1989	101⅛	..	9.8	8.747
108	95¾	Exch	10¾%	1989	103⅜	..	9.8	7.450
105⅞	86	Exch	11%	1989	103	..	10.6	8.728
96⅛	88¾	Treas	8%	1986-89	96⅝	..	8.1	7.575
100⅝	89⅝	Treas C	9¼%	1989	100⅞	..	9.4	8.578
96¼	89¾	Trans	3%	1989	95⅝	..	3.12	6.835
102¾	96¾	Treas	9%	1990	100⅝	-⅛	12.1	8.777
111	101⅞	Treas	13%	1990	106⅝	-⅛	12.1	8.794
114⅝	98⅝	Exch	11¾	1990	106⅝	-⅛	11.7	8.854
110⅝	99¾	Exch	12¼%	1990	106⅝	-⅛	11.7	8.854
92¾	84¼	Treas	3%	1990	93⅛	..	3.2	7.024
100	93¾	Treas	8½%	1987-90	96⅝	..	8.32	8.706
105⅜	94¾	Treas	9%	1991	100⅝	..	9.2	8.981
97⅜	80⅝	Exch	12¾%	1992	99⅛	..	2.7	6.790
110¼	96⅛	Treas C	10%	1991	104¾	-⅛	9.5	8.418
108⅛	101⅛	Treas	11¾%	1991	106⅝	-⅛	10.5	8.973
95⅜	85¾	Fund	5¼%	1987-91	95⅝	-⅛	5.1	8.668
109⅝	97	Exch	11%	1991	106⅝	-⅛	10.3	8.880
90¾	79¾	Treas	3%	1991	85⅝	..	3.3	7.206
99	91	Treas	9%	1991	97¾	-⅛	8.2	8.890
116⅛	105	Treas	12¾%	1992	111⅝	-⅛	11.3	8.952
105¼	92¾	Treas	9%	1992	103⅜	-⅛	9.1	8.966
109⅝	95¾	Treas C	10½%	1992	104¾	-⅛	12.0	9.013
96⅝	79¾	Treas	8%	1992	95⅜	-⅛	3.5	7.246
99	88¾	Treas	9%	1992	97	-⅛	8.2	8.857
117	106⅝	Exch	12¾%	1992	111⅝	..	10.9	9.065
121	104¾	Exch	13¾%	1992	115⅝	..	11.8	9.070

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

107¾	93⅛	Treas	10%	1993	103⅝	..	9.6	9.068
118¾	107¾	Treas	12¾%	1993	113⅝	..	10.8	9.134
96⅜	81⅛	Fund	6%	1993	91⅛	-⅛	6.6	7.020
112⅝	101¾	Treas	13¾%	1993	107⅝	-⅛	11.4	9.219
129¾	113⅞	Treas	14¾%	1994	123⅝	..	11.7	9.182
120¾	103⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	115⅝	..	10.8	9.284
124¾	106⅜	Exch	13¾%	1994	119⅝	..	11.3	9.285
103¾	90¾	Treas	9¾	1994	99⅛	..	9.3	9.128
107¾	92¾	Exch	10%	1994	103⅜	..	9.6	9.120
118¾	104¾	Treas	12%	1995	113⅝	..	10.5	9.296
84¾	75⅝	Exch	9%	1995-98	80⅝	..	3.72	9.407
107¾	97¾	Exch	10¾%	1995	103⅝	..	9.7	9.250
123⅛	106	Treas	12¾%	1995	118⅝	-⅛	10.7	9.364
130⅝	114⅞	Treas	14%	1996	124⅝	-⅛	11.2	9.464
102¾	89	Treas	9%	1992-96	99⅝	..	9.0	8.933
135⅝	118⅜	Treas	15¾%	1996	130⅝	-⅛	11.5	9.455
127⅝	109⅝	Exch	13¾%	1996	121¾	-⅛	10.8	9.370
89¾	80	Fdlngt	3%	1998	85	..	..	..
108⅜	98¾	Conv	10%	1998	103⅝	-⅛	9.6	9.313
98	86	Treas	8¾%	1997	97⅛	C	..	..
113⅝	112¾	Treas	13¾%	1997	122¾	..	10.7	9.366
11½	95	Exch	10¾%	1997	106¾	..	9.8	9.309
101	86¾	Treas	8¾%	1997	97⅜	..	9.0	9.200
140	121	Exch	15%	1997	135⅝	-⅛	11.2	9.396
99⅝	76¾	Exch	9¾%	1995-98	96⅝	-⅛	7.82	8.939
106¾	93⅜	Exch	9¾%	1998	102¾	-⅛	9.5	9.238
145⅝	125⅜	Treas	15½%	1998	139⅝	..	11.1	9.576
122⅝	107¾	Exch	12¾%	1998	117⅝	..	10.9	9.440
106¾	92¾	Exch	9¾%	1998	102¾	-⅛	9.3	9.416
124⅝	107	Exch	12¾%	1998	118⅝	-⅛	10.2	9.437
113	96	Treas	10¾%	1998	107¾	-⅛	9.7	9.338
111¾	93¾	Conv	10¾%	1998	106⅝	-⅛	9.6	9.343
97¾	83¾	Treas	8¾%	1999	93⅛	..	8.4	9.406
131¾	114⅝	Treas	13%	2000	124⅝	-⅛	10.3	9.486
103¾	88¾	Conv	9%	2000	98⅝	-⅛	9.1	9.316
110¾	94¾	Treas	10%	2001	105⅛	-⅛	9.5	9.513
106⅝	92¾	Exch	9¾%	2001	101⅝	-⅛	9.6	9.582
134⅝	112¾	Treas	14%	1998-...	128⅝	-⅛	10.9	9.582
103	86¾	Exch	9%	2002	98⅝	-⅛	9.1	9.183
110⅞	96	Conv	10%	2002	105⅝	-⅛	9.4	9.258
122¾	107⅛	Exch	12%	2002	116⅝	-⅛	10.2	9.417
109	93¾	Treas	9¾%	2002	103⅜	-⅛	9.3	9.227

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111¾	94¾	Treas	10%	2003	106⅝	..	9.3	9.169
136⅜	118⅝	Treas	13¾%	2000-...	130⅝	..	10.5	9.527
121¾	105	Treas	11½%	2001	115⅝	..	9.9	9.346
111¾	94¾	Treas	10%	2004	106⅝	..	9.3	9.167
59⅝	51¾	Fund	3½%	1999-...	56⅝	..	6.9	6.172
107¾	90¾	Conv	9¾%	2004	103	-⅛	9.2	9.126
107¾	90¾	Conv	9¾%	2005	103⅝	-⅛	9.2	9.117
116¾	99¾	Exch	10¾%	2005	110⅝	-⅛	9.6	9.114
96¾	88¾	Treas	8¾%	2006-09	96⅝	-⅛	8.8	9.246
135⅝	115⅜	Treas	12½%	2003	135⅝	-⅛	9.2	9.252
94¾	79¾	Treas	8%	2002	90⅝	-⅛	8.8	8.888
110⅝	93¾	Conv	9¾%	2006	105⅝	-⅛	8.9	9.175
126¾	108¾	Treas	11¾%	2003-...	119⅝	-⅛	9.8	9.369
135¾	115¾	Treas	13%	2007	85⅝	-⅛	8.8	9.269
142	121¾	Treas	13¾%	2004	135⅝	-⅛	8.8	9.269
104¾	88¾	Treas	9%	2008	100⅝	-⅛	8.8	8.943
102¾	88¾	Conv	9%	2008	98⅝	-⅛	8.8	8.948
102	89¾	Conv	9%	2011	100	-⅛	8.9	8.978
89¾	58¾	Treas	5¾%	2008-12	87	..	8.1	8.978
92¾	79¾	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	87¾	..	8.8	8.952
134¾	115¾	Exch	12%	2013-17	129	-⅛	9.3	9.065

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45¾	39¾	Consols	4%	44¾	..	9.0	—
47¾	36¾	War Ln	3½%	36¾	..	8.9	—
53	35	Conv	3½%	51¾	..	8.9	—
34¾	29¾	Treas	3%	32¾	..	9.1	—
29¾	24¾	Consols	2½%	27¾	..	8.9	—
29¾	24¾	Treas	2½%	27¾	..	8.9	—

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119⅛	106¾	Treas	IL	2%	1990	116⅝	+⅛	2.3	1.006
101⅛	85¾	Treas	IL	2%	1992	100⅝	+⅛	2.7	2.175
132⅜	117¾	Treas	IL	2%	1996	131⅝	+⅛	2.6	3.053
111¾	96⅝	Treas	IL	2½%	2001	109⅝	+⅛	3.9	3.705
129¾	94¾	Treas	IL	2½%	2003	127⅝	+⅛	3.9	3.729
113	94¾	Treas	IL	2½%	2006	108⅝	-⅛	3.9	3.776
127⅞	89¾	Treas	IL	2½%	2009	101⅝	-⅛	3.9	3.772
113⅜	93¾	Treas	IL	2½%	2011	106⅝	-⅛	3.9	3.734
85¾	76¾	Treas	IL	2½%	2013	85⅝	-⅛	3.5	3.691
103⅜	83¾	Treas	IL	2½%	2016	93⅝	-⅛	3.7	3.637
101¾	81¼	Treas	IL	2½%	2020	93⅝	-⅛	3.7	3.574
86¾	68¼	Treas	IL	2½%	2024	78⅝	-⅛	3.6	3.574

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	180	Allied Irish	210	218	-5	..	2.7	4.2	27.8
188	65	Ambanker (Henry)	172	182	..	..	..	..	..
258	136	Am Mrch Z	178	180	..	..	..	..	..
12¾	9¾	Bankamerica	10¾	..	..	..	..	..	..
246	215	Bank of Ireland	218	215	-5	..	..	..	..
17	11¾	Bank Leumi Israel	15	17	..	..	..	..	..
248	240	Bank of Scotland	240	250	-3	..	17.0	4.9	11.2
64	56	Bk Of Scotland	56	58	-1	..	3.3	5.5	11.3
66	47	Bk Of Wales	47	49	-2	..	14.0	3.3	16.0
483	413	Barclays (ss)	463	465	-9	..	27.2	5.8	12.4
33	25	Brackenhill	25	35	..	..	14.0	3.3	16.0
410	350	Brown Shipley	410	420	..	..	24.6	5.8	11.6
105	49	Cen Mortgage	95	105	-1	..	12.6	3.6	11.6
260	250	Cater Allen	255	265	-5	..	23.6	8.9	11.2
76½	47	Citibank	74	76	..	..	3.4	5.3	..
29¾	10¾	Close Menhaban	10¾	..	..	..	..	..	..
31	9	Discount	10¾	..	..	..	..	..	..
279	119	Dnss Bnk	170	180	-6	..	6.2	3.5	21.7
111¾	65½	Duncan Bank	70	..	..	..	..	..	..
299½	120½	Deutsche Bank	134¾	..	..	..	15.8	5.9	11.3
29	21	Equity & Gen	27	30	-1	..	12.0	4.9	7.9
350	185	First Nat Finance	240	245	-4	..	..	..	13.1
124	78	GPG	75	80	-4	..	23.3	7.4	8.7
448	298	Gerrard Nat	310	320	-5	..	12.1	4.5	16.5
386	220	Hambros	340	350	..	..	3.1b	0.8	..
87	48	HK Shanghai	48	49	..	..	18.3	4.2	10.2
565	412	Joseph (Leopold)	425	450	..	..	12.0	6.2	14.7
194	134	King & Shaxson	140	148	..	..	10.2	5.1	7.7
880	307	Kleinwort Benson	370	380	-10	..	18.1	6.6	4.7
213	150	Lloyds (ss)	205	215	-5	..	2.5	5.5	8.1
57	37	Lon Scot Bk	37	39	-1	..	27.5	6.8	5.2
369	266	Midland (ss)	348	350	-8	..	14.9	5.7	10.9
265	208	Morgan Grenfell	208	218	+3	..	..	..	..
200	127	Nat Aust Bk	127	132	-3	..	..	..	..
580	555	Nat West (ss)	555	565	-15	..	36.0	5.9	9.8
429	133	Ottoman	133	..	..	..	1001	6.2	5.5
440	278	Provident	280	285	-3	..	21.9	6.4	9.5
175	48	Rea Bros	90	95	-3	..	2.4	2.5	17.7

BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	290	Allied-Lyons (ss)	375	385	-7	16.2	4.3	11.1
10½	7½	Boss (ss)	8¾	9¼	..	..	3.8	21	12.8
77	56	Bskwyn	67	69	..	..	1.3	2.0	17.7
230	124	Boddington	215	225	..	..	5.1	2.3	15.7
245	157	Burtons	175	180	..	..	5.1	2.9	13.7
77	56	Cdn Pac	67	69	..	..	1.3	2.0	17.7
238	136	Carlsberg	210	215	-5	..	12.0	5.6	11.3
441	273	Courage	385	395	-12	..	22.5	5.7	10.2
448	249	Devenish	440	450	..	..	23.0	5.1	10.7
291	126	Douglas (RM)	250	260	..	4.3b	1.5	4.2	22.7
136½	75	Erith	97	103	..	3.4	3.4	3.3	28.6
310	116	Federated Hsg	280	290	-4	6.5	2.4	10.3	12.8
102	75	Fremlin Gp	80	85	-1	6.7	8.7	7.5	10.3
90	45	Gallaher	80	85	-2	3.7	5.1	13.9
235	135	Gibbs & Dandy Gd	235	245	-5	34b	1.5	10.6	16.8
368	348	Glenlivet (MJ)	360	365	..	9.1	1.8	11.6	14.4
350	240	Grampian Hldgs	230	240	-5	8.7	3.6	11.8	13.8
378	171	Hall & Woodhouse	170	175	-5	6.0	3.4	12.7	13.8
151	74	Henderson	125	130	..	3.1	2.4	21.1	14.2
305	200	Highland Dist	290	300	..	7.9	2.6	12.8	12.8
221	138	Invergordon Dist	210	220	..	7.9	3.6	12.8	12.8
1265	1145	Irish Dist	1265	1285	..	..	..	..	..
221	138	Macallan-Glenlivet

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717372 (Lindiine)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth & Fixed	113.0	121.1c	+0.5	5.26
Hi Inc Equity	117.8	126.0c	-0.5	4.72
Worldwide Bd	105.2	109.0p	-0.3	4.90
American Gth	143.9	153.9	-1.1	1.51
Asian Pacific	58.4	62.4	-0.1	1.94
Assets & Earns	120.9	140.0	-0.5	1.59
Capital Plus	77.8	77.9p		1.30
Comm Energy	85.7	91.6c	-0.5	0.00
Euro Capital	68.1	70.6c	-0.6	1.06
General	161.1	172.2	-0.7	2.61
Japan	92.0	98.3	+0.2	
UK Gth Inc	121.8	130.2c	-0.2	1.87
UK Prime	172.7	191.1c	-0.2	1.27
US Emerging Co	39.0	41.7p		0.00
Income Gth	248.7	265.8	-2.3	3.60
Master Acc	69.1	73.9	-0.2	2.52
American Inc	40.5	43.3p	-0.1	6.33
*Ethical Tst	41.3	44.1	-0.2	2.83

ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
30, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633970
33, Cornhill St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801

UK Growth	31.1	33.1c	-0.1	3.17
N Amer Inc	24.3	25.9c	+0.1	4.77
World Gth	39.5	40.9	-0.1	1.23
Extra Inc	38.0	40.4p	-0.2	6.16
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	20.7	21.3	..	2.22
Amer Extra Inc	35.0	37.3p	..	6.21
Australian	16.2	19.4	..	1.61
Euro Tst	40.8	43.3p	..	1.38
Gth/Fixed Interest	23.2	24.5p	..	9.88
Global Income	34.3	36.5p	..	5.30
Hi Income	54.3	57.8	..	5.27
Income Growth	64.6	68.8	-0.2	4.35
International	12.7	13.5	..	0.01
Japan Gth	157.8	167.7	..	0.01
Special Sits	63.2	67.3	..	1.32

ASTRA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

Euro Gth Acc	160.9	167.5p	-0.8	1.11
Exempt	167.8	183.2p	-0.3	4.55
Far Eastern	186.9	211.5p	-0.6	0.10
Fin & Prop	81.0	85.8	+0.2	2.49
Hi Yield	73.5	77.9	+0.3	4.92
Income & Gth	204.5	222.0c	-1.5	4.27
Int Earnings	182.4	191.7c	-0.1	2.35
Int Growth Inc	82.6	86.0p	..	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	147.6	156.1	..	0.29
N Amer Gth Inc	107.1	115.3	-0.4	2.67
Preference Inc	129.2	135.8	+0.1	9.95
Smlr Co Div Inc	85.7	90.1	-0.4	3.67
Smlr Co Gth	203.2	209.8p	+0.4	1.91
Spec Sits Inc	128.4	136.0	+0.5	4.53
UK Growth	390.6	403.2	-0.9	3.20

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 28251 dealing:0793 610386

High Income	293.8	311.4p	-2.2	4.98
Equity Inc	171.4	181.7	-1.0	4.45
Property	179.3	185.3	-1.2	4.67
Balanced	415.7	440.6	-2.6	3.25
Amer Inc	39.5	39.2p	-0.1	4.89
Comm Energy Ass Val	85.7	91.2c	-0.5	0.00
Japan	136.0	144.8	+0.2	0.01
Sec of Amer	182.5	194.4	-0.1	1.02
Asset Value	289.2	317.4	-1.2	3.16
O'seas Earn	209.2	217.4	-1.1	3.36
Recovery	97.6	103.5	-0.7	2.94
UK Spec Sits	252.7	267.9p	-1.0	2.67
Smlr Co	177.3	181.6	-0.2	1.90
Capital	292.7	295.7c	-1.5	2.67
Amer Spec Sit	58.3	62.1p	+0.2	1.88
International	88.3	94.0	-0.4	1.26
Growth & Inc	152.5	161.6c	-0.9	3.44
Euro Gth	17.7	18.9	-0.1	1.32
Pacific	210.1	222.8	..	0.30
2nd Smlr Co	193.5	205.1p	-1.1	1.79

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-555 8544

Capital	78.7	84.0p	-0.3	3.15
Euro Gth Inc	58.2	62.1	-0.6	1.76
Extra Income	94.5	100.8	-0.2	6.70
Growth	165.5	176.6p	..	3.27
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.8	56.7p	+0.4	9.22
Income Tst	387.6	434.2	-1.0	3.98
Int Income	47.9	51.1	-0.3	7.01
Smlr Co Inc	37.5	40.1	-0.1	1.22

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 3000

American EVS	52.4	55.5c	+0.4	0.70
Australia	54.6	59.9	-0.5	0.00
Dividend	51.5	55.0p	-0.4	6.00
Equity Inc	68.7	72.8	-0.6	5.20
Europe	112.3	118.1	-0.6	0.10
Exempt Tst	57.3	60.7	..	3.50
Growth & Inc	72.0	76.0p	-0.3	4.70
Do Acc	114.5	121.4p	-0.5	2.10
Global Gth	58.3	62.9	-0.4	0.10
Japan Spec	140.2	149.5	+0.3	0.10
Japan Sun	150.0	159.9	+0.6	0.10
First Europe	98.9	104.9	-1.0	1.10
First Japan	105.2	112.2p	+0.6	0.60
First N Amer	40.6	43.0	+0.3	1.10
First Smlr Co	85.1	90.4	-0.1	1.40
N Amer Spec	39.3	40.6	..	0.30
UK Growth	59.3	63.1p	..	5.08

BROWN SHIPLEY
Q-37, Reynwood Rd, Haywards Heath
(0444) 458144

Financial	155.4	164.7p	+0.6	1.72
Smlr Co Acc	290.3	315.0c	+1.6	0.62
Do Inc	183.7	199.3c	+1.1	0.91
High Income	92.2	98.2p	+0.6	5.96
Income	98.5	104.8c	+0.4	5.26
Man Portf Inc	86.3	95.0	-0.3	2.25
Do Acc	151.9	161.6	-0.5	2.25
Nth American	44.2	47.0	+0.2	0.10
Orient	94.6	101.2	-0.8	0.10
Exempt	288.5	295.2	+0.6	2.48
Recovery	63.8	67.6	-0.1	0.38
General	72.2	77.4	-0.2	1.39
Int Recov	23.3	24.8	-0.1	1.00
Europe	17.3	18.5p	+0.4	3.91
Conv General	24.5	25.9p	..	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 623 2348

Emerg Inc	20.7	22.0	+0.1	1.90
Fellowship Inc	81.9	85.7p		1.70
General Inc 4	260.1	276.0	+0.7	2.85
Do Acc 4	424.2	450.1	+1.1	2.86
Income Fd 3	134.8	142.8	+0.1	4.50
Do Acc 3	248.9	264.0	+0.1	4.50
Int Inc 2	106.5	113.1c	-0.5	2.00
Do Acc 2	144.2	153.0c	-0.6	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	93.9	99.4	+0.3	1.57
Do Acc	161.5	107.6	+0.2	1.57

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	32.1	34.2c	..	2.91
Income	40.8	43.4c	..	4.41
Far East	27.0	28.6c	-0.2	0.72
Nth American	26.7	28.4c		0.72
Global	43.5	46.6c	-0.1	0.74
European	38.4	40.8c	-0.4	1.31
Japan	85.4	90.8	+0.4	0.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 822 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE				
01-588 8899				
Capital	397.7	424.5c	-2.0	2.57
European S S	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Far East S S	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Gold Gen S S	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Income	330.2	373.8c	-2.4	5.21
Int Sp Sits	46.8	50.0	..	1.50
Nth Amer	231.5	247.1c	-0.9	1.57
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Investment	440.7		..	4.79
Fixed Int	146.4		..	9.76
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	414.35	e	..	5.04
Acc	212.7515		..	8.40
Deposit	100.0		..	
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Westgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD				
01-606 6822				
Man Reserve	23.0	24.3p	..	
SC Special Sits	61.5	65.2	..	0.48
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narroway Plate, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Gth	18.9	20.0c	..	0.06
Asia Gth	21.6	22.9	-0.1	1.03
Dragon Gth	28.1	31.0	-0.1	1.77
Equity Inc	56.6	60.2	-0.3	4.74
European Gth	23.7	25.1	-0.3	1.84
Gen Equity	48.8	51.7	-0.2	2.65
Gilt Fixed Int	48.3	51.1	+0.3	9.58
Gilt & Fixed Int	45.6	48.3	..	9.08
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
Amer Tst	101.4	108.2	-0.2	0.92
Canadian Gth	19.3	20.6	-0.2	..
European Tst	85.3	92.0	-0.5	..
Growth Tst	269.0	277.3p	-1.1	3.06
High Income	317.6	338.7c	-2.7	4.91
Int Tech Tst	101.1	108.4	-0.1	..
Investment	26.2	27.9	-0.1	..
Japanese Tst	222.5	237.3p	..	..
Man Inc	26.0	27.7	..	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Trusthouse, Surrey RH2 8BL				
0737-248828				
European Gth	48.4	52.1	-0.6	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	34.8	37.5	-0.5	1.39
International	46.0	49.6	-0.2	0.50
N American	27.0	29.1	+0.3	1.78
Pacific Gth	53.1	57.2	-0.4	4.80
UK Gth Acc	63.9	68.9c	..	0.50
Do Dist	51.8	66.5p	..	0.50
UK Income	57.7	62.1p	-0.2	4.80
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-220 3492				
American Fd	56.8	59.8	-0.4	1.67
Capital Fd	128.5	134.5	-0.6	1.32
Convertible	24.7	25.7	..	7.54
Eurofund	21.9	23.0	-0.2	1.30
Growth & Inc	174.7	185.6	-1.1	3.77
High Dist Fd	151.6	161.1	-0.6	4.66
International	16.1	17.1	-0.1	1.00
Pacific Fd	20.1	21.4	-0.1	0.00
Resources Fd	21.2	22.5p	-0.1	0.00
Smlr Co	41.2	43.8	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fd	14.5	15.4	..	0.00
Ex Amer 2	116.7	119.6c	..	1.91
Ex Japan 3	112.2	115.0	..	0.20
Ex Pacific 4	319.0	327.0p	..	0.26
Ex Smlr Japs 4	344.0	250.1	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Basic Inc	85.4	90.8	-0.2	2.69
Do Acc	88.0	94.4	-0.2	2.69
UK Gth Acc	122.1	128.5	-0.4	2.12
UK High Inc	81.2	86.4	-0.2	3.70
N Amer Acc	60.6	64.8	-0.1	1.08
Far East Acc	114.8	122.5	..	0.53
European Acc	68.5	70.9	-0.6	1.45
UK Gilt/Fi Inc	57.7	61.2	-0.2	9.04
Do Acc	65.3	69.3	+0.4	7.51
Int Spec Sits	37.9	40.4	..	1.87
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Rainford				
0881 3L8 Tel: 0706 56366				
Endurance	114.8	122.2	+1.8	1.57
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	92.7	98.7	-0.2	3.24
High Income	97.0	103.2	-0.4	4.64
Gt/Fixd Interst	53.0	56.4	+0.1	7.26
Tst Of Inv Tsts	91.4	95.6p	-0.4	1.56
Spec Sits Tst	95.7	101.9	-0.1	2.55
Nth Amer Tst	102.7	109.2	..	1.19
Far East Tst	103.9	110.6	+0.3	0.36
Int Growth	50.6	53.9p	..	1.54
European Tst	38.0	40.5	-0.1	1.97
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Fd	132.7	142.2	-1.5	3.40
Do Inc	146.1	155.4	-1.4	3.40
Higher Inc Acc	322.8	344.4	-3.0	4.47
Do Inc	248.6	264.4	-2.3	4.47
Gilt & Fxd Acc	113.0	116.9p	+0.5	8.95
Do Inc	84.6	88.0p	+0.5	8.95
N Amer Acc	117.7	125.2	-0.4	0.04
Far East Acc	202.1	214.9	-1.0	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	123.4	131.2	-0.5	1.49
Gen Tst	254.1	270.3p	-2.3	3.65
Ent Excel	40.1	42.6	-0.4	2.88
Sr Fdrstc Inc	48.8	51.9	..	5.78
Do Acc	48.8	51.9	..	5.78

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F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, Lombard Street, EC3V 9AN 01-623 4680				
Dealing:01-588 8866				
Int Gth	89.1	94.7	-0.4	1.11
American Gth	57.1	61.0	-0.3	1.26
American Inc	57.8	61.9p	-0.2	5.00
European Gth	45.3	48.4	-0.3	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	47.1	50.3	-0.3	0.66
Japan Gth	63.0	67.3	+0.3	
Pacific Inc	73.2	80.0	-0.2	3.67
Pacific Strat	39.5	42.2p	-0.1	0.41
UK Prog Inc	71.8	76.7	-0.8	4.57
UK Spec Opps	139.5	149.1p	-1.1	1.44
St British	36.8	39.3	-0.3	3.17
UK Smlr Co	35.7	38.1p	-0.2	0.66
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 2828				
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.9	124.6p	..	8.95
Gth Equity	238.1	252.0	..	2.38
Guaranty	301.6	312.5p	..	3.21
Income Tst	96.0	101.5	..	3.73
Int Tst	109.8	113.2p	..	1.25
N American	122.9	130.1	..	1.27
Pacific	269.0	274.1	..	0.00
Prop Shares	353.6	374.4	..	1.51
Smaller Co	282.1	298.6	..	1.67
European Tst	222.9	237.0	..	1.46
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 449, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-626 9031				
Global Gth	36.9	39.2	-0.1	0.80
High Income	91.6	97.5	-0.4	5.35
N Amer Tst	91.8	97.7c	-0.1	0.78
Pacific Gth	41.4	44.1	..	0.50
Recovery	315.8	335.7	+0.8	2.92
St Vincent Inc	104.8	107.5p	+1.3	3.74
St Vinc US Gth	50.7	52.9p	-0.3	1.66
Temp B Sm Co	235.1	248.0	..	3.22
TRUSO	128.7	150.0	..	1.70
Euro Gth Tst	41.7	44.4p	-0.3	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Telephone 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261950				
Amer Equ Inc	51.4	54.5c	-0.4	0.17
Canadian Tst	41.4	43.9	+0.1	1.23
Equity Income	109.0	112.5	-0.4	5.43
European Tst	77.8	82.5p	-0.6	1.68
High Income	91.9	96.9p	-0.4	5.17
Int Sts Tst	48.2	52.5	-0.3	0.86
Japan/F East	114.5	121.3	-0.2	0.05
Nth Amer Tst	53.7	57.0	-0.2	1.29
Recom Unit Tst	70.3	74.6	-0.3	0.61
Sterling Inc	70.5	74.8	-0.3	
Smlr Co	33.4	36.2p	-0.1	1.13
UK New Gen	36.1	41.5	..	1.06
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
0277 261616				
Amer Gth	97.5	99.2	..	0.00
Amer Gth Inc	37.2	39.7	..	0.00
Australian	97.2	102.6	..	2.63
Capital	97.7	102.9	..	2.63
Commodity	43.7	46.0	..	0.00
Cap Gth Inc	61.4	65.4	..	2.33
Do Acc	72.2	76.9	..	2.33
European	198.1	208.5	..	0.78
Euro Gth	68.6	73.1	..	0.14
Extra Income	229.9	244.8	..	3.70
Financial Tst	163.0	172.8	..	2.48
Far East	97.3	103.2	..	0.55
Gilt Tst	42.3	45.1	..	7.05
Global Health	78.7	84.9	..	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	49.4	52.6	..	0.00
Global Recov	62.3	66.4	..	0.67
Global Tech	99.9	106.4	..	0.42
Gold	32.2	34.3p	..	1.78
High Income	243.4	259.2	..	5.46
Hong Kong	64.7	68.5	..	2.48
Inc & Gth Inc	185.5	197.4	..	3.18
Income	377.6	402.0	..	3.18
Income Asset	112.2	119.5	..	3.18
International	150.4	160.2	..	1.17
Jap Spec Sits	193.6	206.2	..	0.00
Japan Tst	189.7	201.9	..	0.00
Nth American	117.0	124.6	..	0.00
Pacific Inc	76.3	84.5c	..	0.00
Pension Mat	42.4	44.7	..	2.30
Prel & Gth	62.6	66.4p	..	6.66
Recovery Tst	130.8	137.2	..	1.47
Shp & Mdsy	29.4	31.4	..	0.15
Smlr Co Div	170.7	181.6	..	4.13
Spec Sits Inc	178.1	190.0p	..	1.30
Do Acc	232.6	270.0p	..	1.30
Tokyo Tst	227.3	242.3	..	0.27
Euro Expt	98.1	103.3p	..	1.91
Glob Tec Expt	89.7	73.4	..	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	103.7	109.2p	..	0.00
Japan Exempt	187.3	196.9p	..	0.00
N Amer Expt	79.5	90.8	..	0.86
Pacific Exempt	166.6	174.8	..	1.19
Smlr Co Exempt	169.5	178.3	..	1.19
Spec Sits Exempt	98.3	103.3	..	2.78
Spirit Of East	37.3	39.7c	..	2.33
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
MLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8811				
British Gth	85.5p	90.5p	-0.3	3.29
Capital Units	112.5	120.2	-0.5	2.57
Dollar Units	169.9	181.5	-1.0	1.79
European	109.5	117.2	-1.5	0.00
Far East	163.2	174.5	-1.8	1.01
Financial	415.7	444.6p	-1.3	1.59
GF Interest Inc	28.1	29.2p	+0.1	9.14
High Yield	93.3	99.1	-0.7	4.80
Income	61.6	65.5p	-0.5	4.35
International	122.6	131.2	-1.7	1.63
Japan Tech	54.7	58.5	+0.2	0.00
Nat Resource	42.3	45.3c	-0.3	0.82
Pacific Basin	235.5	251.9	-1.2	0.00
Smaller Co	118.5	127.1c	-0.3	0.82
Spec Sits	119.7	128.1c	..	1.82
US Smlr Co	22.2	24.9	..	1.00
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
36, Queen Street London EC4 1QH Tel: 01-236 4210				
Brit & Comm	131.0	139.7	+0.6	2.07
Cap Inc Plus	72.3	77.1	..	3.60
Cap Gth	70.1	74.2p	..	
Inv Tst Fnd	77.0	81.5	..	1.17
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
26, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 64779				
Equity & Gen	58.3	62.2	..	1.92
Gt/Fxd Interest	70.3	75.1c	..	8.91
Higher Inc	130.4	140.0p	..	5.82
Income	94.9	90.4	..	4.02
International	54.0	57.8c	..	1.20
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-623 0776				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.4	53.6	..	6.29
Gth Inc	50.4	53.6	..	5.20
Gth Yield Inc	109.6	113.0p	+0.8	5.44
Do Acc	212.6	219.6	+1.4	5.44
Global Inc	138.7	147.6p	-0.6	4.58
Growth Inc	244.0	259.6	-1.0	5.67
High Yield Inc	109.4	116.4p	..	5.67
Do Acc	231.5	246.3	..	5.67

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Capital Gth Trusts				
Ast Sm Co Inc	50.3	53.5	-0.1	0.37
Do Acc	51.7	55.0	-0.2	0.37
N American Inc	42.7	45.4	-0.1	2.02
Do Acc	59.0	62.8	-0.2	2.02
European Inc	79.6	84.7	-1.4	2.17
Do Acc	99.3	105.5	-1.7	2.17
Euro Spec Inc	52.1	55.4	-0.9	2.18
Do Acc	52.1	55.4	-0.9	2.18
Far Of Interest Inc	23.4	24.9p	-0.1	0.86
Do Acc	30.6	32.5	+0.2	2.16
General Inc	193.0	205.3	-0.9	3.09
Do Acc	272.6	290.0	-1.1	3.09
Int Recov Inc	111.9	119.0	-1.3	1.57
Do Acc	118.8	126.3	-1.4	1.57
Japan Spec	269.1	287.3	+1.0	0.26
Do Acc	272.0	289.4	+1.0	0.26
Jap Spec Inc	129.3	137.5p	+0.3	0.04
Do Acc	129.9	138.2p	+0.4	0.04
Money Acc	144.9	153.2	-0.2	1.80
Pacific Inc	161.2	171.5c	+0.4	0.38
Do Acc	182.5	194.1	+0.4	0.38
Smlr Co Inc	107.3	114.2	+0.1	1.33
Do Acc	128.5	137.8	+0.2	1.33
UK Eq Gth Inc	29.7	31.6p	..	1.67
Do Acc	40.7	42.9p	..	1.67
LAB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
53, Grange Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4900				
European	38.1	38.4	-0.5	0.00
Extra Income	22.5	23.9p	-0.1	5.00
Far East	116.6	124.0	-0.1	0.00
Income & Gth	61.6	65.5p	-0.5	3.83
Inc Gth	35.6	39.1c	-0.2	1.10
Japan	54.1	57.5	..	0.00
N American	41.4	44.1	..	0.00
Recovery	315.8	335.7	+0.8	2.92
St Vincent Inc	104.8	107.5p	+1.3	3.74
St Vinc US Gth	50.7	52.9p	-0.3	1.66
Temp B Sm Co	235.1	248.0	..	3.22
TRUSO	128.7	150.0	..	1.70
Euro Gth Tst	41.7	44.4p	-0.3	0.80
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
8, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261950				
Equity Dist	226.7	315.6p	-1.9	2.71
Do Acc	482.5	513.2p	-3.1	2.71
Income	76.0	80.8	-0.2	4.29
Do Acc	76.0	80.8	-0.2	4.29
Far Eastern	132.6	141.1	-0.6	0.03
Fixed Interest	47.0	50.0	..	8.50
Gilt	84.3	89.2	+0.4	9.83
Global Gth	43.7	46.5	-0.1	1.40
International	43.7	46.5p	..	5.53
Jap Tst	68.1	72.4	+0.3	0.01
O'seas Equity	78.1	84.2	-0.4	0.00
O'seas Fixed Int	77.7	82.6p	-0.4	7.56
N American	71.5	76.1	-0.4	1.37
UK Recovery	47.0	50.0	..	1.59
UK Spec Sits	88.2	93.8	-0.3	1.55
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Registrars Dpt, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing. W Sussex Tel: 0903 502419				
Balanced	149.8	159.4	-0.8	3.17
Do Acc	381.6	405.8	-1.7	3.17
Con Euro Gt	31.8	33.8	-0.1	0.91
Do Acc	32.1	34.1	-0.1	0.91
Energy	85.7	91.2p	-0.5	0.00
Do Acc	84.4	89.8	-0.5	0.00
Financial Acc	43.2	45.5	-0.2	0.92
Do Inc	43.2	45.5	-0.2	0.92
Income Tst	158.4	168.5	-0.8	4.18
Do Acc	158.4	168.5	-0.8	4.18
Int Growth Inc	143.2	151.7	-0.3	..
Do Acc	159.0	167.8	-0.7	..
Japan/Gen Inc	114.1	121.5	-0.9	..
Do Acc	115.3	121.6p	-0.9	..
Monthly Inc Fd	120.7	127.3c	-0.6	4.39
PEP 87		59.8	..	2.76
PEP 88	51.5	54.3	-0.2	2.76
Recovery	173.1	182.6	-0.5	1.15
Do Acc	191.2	201.7	-0.4	1.15
Smaller Inc	54.6	57.6p	-0.1	3.06
Do Acc	54.6	57.6p	-0.1	3.06
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622				
Equity Dist	229.9	244.7	-1.8	2.77
Do Acc	229.9	244.7	-1.8	2.77
Euro Gth Dist	51.7	54.8	-0.5	0.91
Do Acc	51.7	54.8	-0.5	0.91
Fxd Interest Di	111.2	118.4	+0.4	8.95
Do Acc	149.8	159.5	+0.4	8.95
Int Gth Dist	51.7	54.8	-0.2	1.37
Do Acc	51.7	54.8	-0.2	1.37
Nth Amer Dist	106.9	113.8	-0.3	2.28

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A double success inside Africa



Marion



● The bustle of Nairobi, with its street-sellers and shanty buildings beneath a back-drop of modern high-rise office blocks

Compared with other African states, Kenya, under President Moi, above, is relatively liberal and has a growing economy. Peter Strafford reports

Thirty years and more ago Kenya was constantly in the news as the African nationalist movement, and in particular the secret society, Mau Mau, challenged the entrenched position of the whites, based on British rule.

Land is important in Africa, as elsewhere, and one of the Africans' main complaints was the takeover over the years of large tracts of land by European settlers. This led to violence against white farmers by Mau Mau, to British military reprisals and, eventually, to the end of colonial status in 1963.

Colonial Kenya, pronounced "Keenya", became independent Kenya, pronounced "Kennya".

Since then Kenya, unlike some other African states, has maintained a low profile in world affairs. But within its own borders it has succeeded in creating a society which is both politically stable and economically prosperous, and this double success has set it apart from its immediate neighbours, ranging from Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan in the north and east to Uganda and Tanzania in the west and south.

It has retained close and cordial relations with Britain, as was shown by Mrs Thatcher's successful visit there in January. Britain gives aid, and up to a battalion of troops from this country are regularly despatched for training in the varied climatic conditions of Kenya. United States warships also put in from to time at Mombasa, the main port.

At the same time Kenya has held firmly to its status as a non-aligned country, and generally backs the decisions of the Organization of African Unity. It is publicly in favour of sanctions against South Africa.

Internally, the style of government has been authoritarian, at times repressive, since the beginning, and that has been particularly in evidence lately. Over the past year or two there have been signs that President Daniel arap Moi and his associates have been unwilling to tolerate even quite moderate dissent, and that that has led to serious abuses.

It is clear, not least from the report published by Amnesty International last July, that there was a wave of detentions, many of them directed against a rather mysterious group of apparently left-wing views, known as Mwa-Kenya, leading to torture, false confessions and unfair trials.

Mwakenya is not thought to be large, or a threat to Mr Moi's position, but it is known to conduct secret oathing ceremonies, and its members are primarily young, well-educated people opposed to the present policies of the government. Several of them have been convicted and sentenced for no more than distributing its literature.

More recently, the authorities have moved against church groups they felt to be unduly critical; and they have taken drastic action against students – a privileged caste in Kenya – by imprisoning a small number accused of links with Libya and by violently breaking up a demonstration at Nairobi University. Foreign journalists reporting the event were themselves attacked.

But this repressive policy needs to be put in context. By comparison with other African countries, Kenya is relatively liberal and, though a one-party state since 1982, it is far from being a mere dictatorship. There have been signs recently that Mr Moi and his advisers have been sufficiently concerned by the criticism, both in Europe and the United States, to moderate their repressive policies.

But there is a danger that by over-reacting to dissent, the present regime might undermine the favourable impression created by the achievements of the past 25 years, and even endanger those achievements.

The fact is that during this time both Jomo Kenyatta, the grand old man of the independence movement and President from 1963 to 1978, and Mr Moi, who has held the office since then, have succeeded in containing the disruptive pressures of tribalism

A stake in stability

in Kenya and, by giving free rein to local entrepreneurial instincts, have promoted the remarkable development of the country's economy.

Officially, there is dutiful talk of "African socialism". But in practice there has been encouragement for a capitalism which, though it has not avoided a considerable disparity between very rich and very poor – and is not free of either nepotism or corruption – has created a sufficient number of people with a stake in the stability of the system.

The result is that Kenya now has an economy which is notably more successful than others in Africa. It is based on agriculture – with coffee and tea the two main products – a developing industrial sector, and a flourishing tourist industry which makes the most of the country's game parks and Indian Ocean beaches.

Though there is great poverty to be seen in and around the capital, Nairobi, it is a modern city which stands out in Africa by its relative opulence, and has been selected as the headquarters of two UN agencies, the Environment Programme (Unep) and the Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat).

The main fly in the ointment is the very high birthrate: at more than four cent a year, it is one of the highest in the world. In recent years, with economic growth of about six per cent, the effects of this have been contained, but it is a serious problem in the long run.

There are those who see historical origins in Kenya's obvious talent for business. Possibly because of the centuries-old links with Arab traders up and down the east coast of Africa – still visible in the cosmopolitan port of Mombasa – or perhaps the more recent presence of Asians originally brought over from India by the British, Kenya has developed a commercial style of its own.

Certainly the Asian community, though much smaller than it was, has played a leading part through its prominence in Kenya's business affairs. But the Africans, now politically dominant, and long ambivalent or at worst hostile to the Asians, are increasingly in evidence.

For their part, the majority of the whites who dominated the colony before independence have left, and their land, bought with funds from Britain in the aftermath of independence, has been divided up among African farmers.

A sizeable number decided to remain, however, and there are also whites, mainly expatriates, in industry, business and the professions, as well as the judiciary – though there is constant pressure to replace them with Africans.

Tribalism is officially disapproved of and, as a greater sense of Kenyan nationhood has grown, has probably receded in importance. But tribal loyalties continue to be an important factor in national life, and one of the sources of present tensions is the partial displacement from influence of the Kikuyus, the largest and, under Kenyatta at least, the dominant tribe, with a reputation for dynamism and enterprise.

Generally, however, there is wide acceptance of the existing political situation, not least by an increasingly prosperous middle-class. One reason is perhaps that although since June, 1982, only one party, the Kenya African National Union, has had the right to exist, a certain scope has been allowed to criticism, provided it does not extend to the higher reaches of policy, and in particular is not directed at President Moi.

A parliamentary election was held on Monday, for instance, and though all the candidates were Kanu members, they competed vigorously with each other to be elected. And once in Parliament, members do not hesitate to criticize the government.

Debates can be noisy occasions in which no punches are pulled, and the speeches are fully reported in the press, which is freer and livelier than that of many African countries.

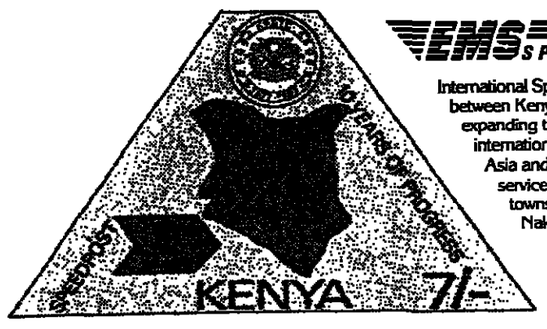
All such criticisms are, however, kept within the framework of a broad consensus, with more emphasis on local issues and personalities, or matters of particular interest to individual members, than the wider questions of national policy. And the press itself is careful how far it goes in its criticisms of government policy: Mr Moi himself is generally regarded as being above criticism.

In these circumstances, much depends on Mr Moi, and his conduct of his powerful office. An amiable, avuncular man, he has set out to be a man of the people, and has travelled widely within Kenya to see and be seen. He has introduced a different, folksier style from that of the more formidable Kenyatta.

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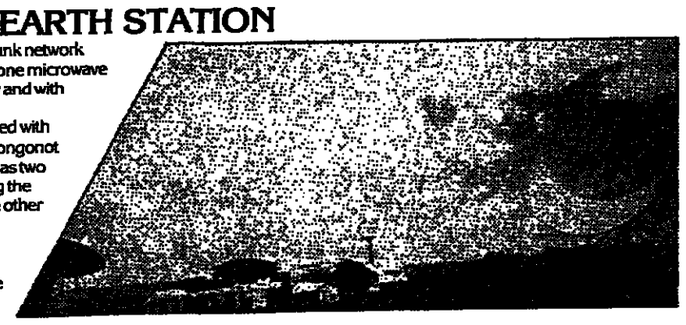
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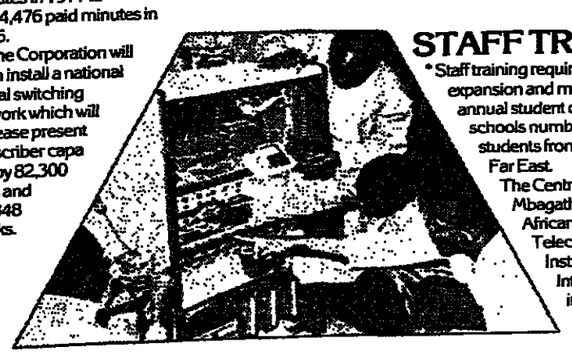
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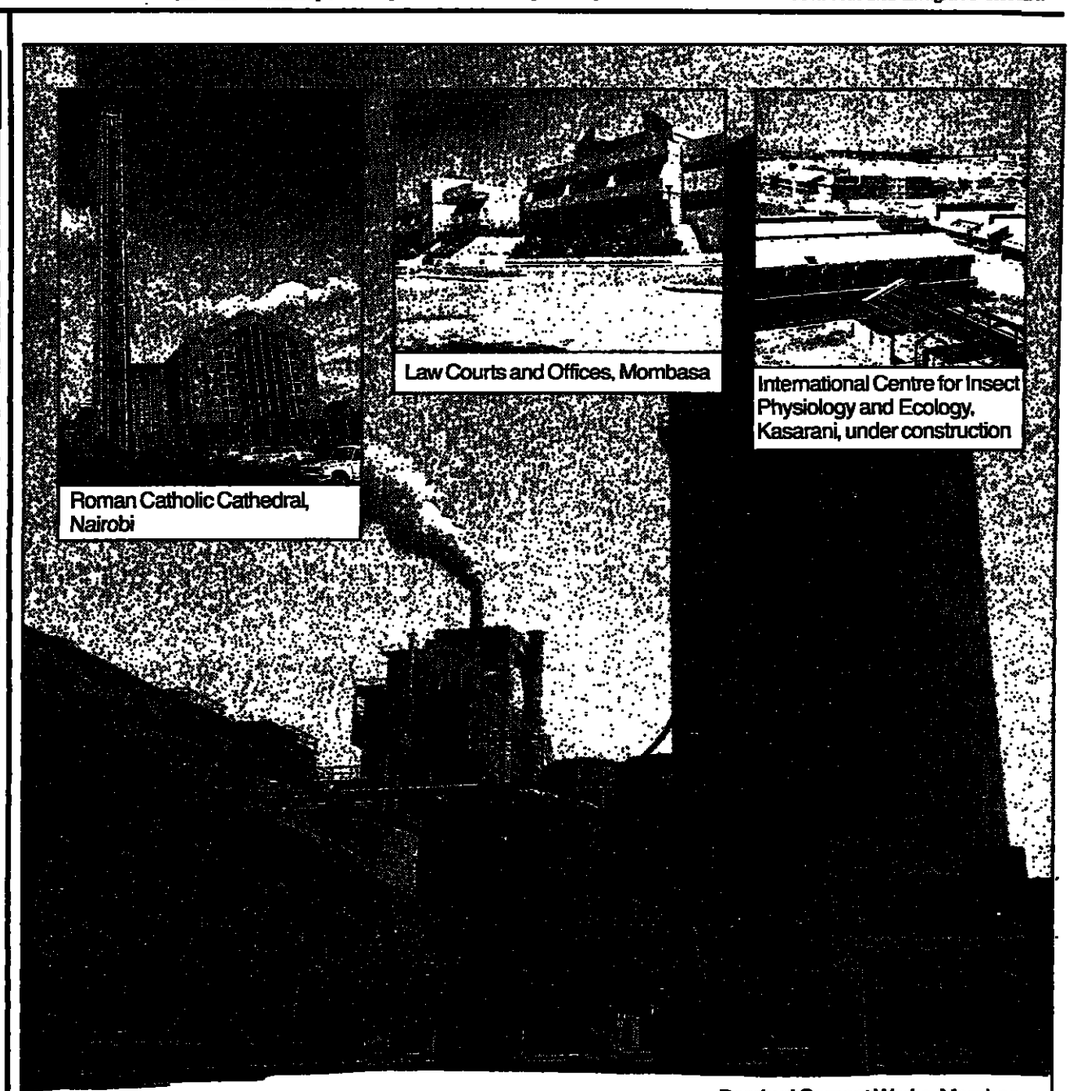
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Industry is making a good showing

Kenyan industry had a head start over that of other states in eastern Africa early this century when railway workshops were created in Nairobi to serve the fledgling Uganda Railway.

Today it has become one of the most advanced in the region, with motor-vehicle assembly operations, a chemical industry, canning plants, textiles and an important dairy sector.

In recent years the government has been laying increased emphasis on exports, by contrast with the earlier, less ambitious objective of import substitution. These are now making their mark in East Africa and the Indian Ocean area generally.

In the long run it is hoped that Kenya will gain advantages from the recently formed Preferential Trade Area agreement (PTA), which groups 15 states in east and central Africa, pledged to increase trade with one another.

An agreement of that sort can only help a relatively developed country such as Kenya, although for the time being, bureaucratic delays and currency-exchange difficulties have held things up, and the many goods dispatched by Kenyan companies, especially south to Zambia and Zimbabwe, have not been getting through.

The early Kenyan workshops were called on to undertake a wide variety of engineering tasks, including heavy castings. When Kenya became actively involved in the First World War, because of its proximity to German-occupied Tanganyika, railway artisans turned out military supplies, ranging from soldiers' buttons and shell-cases to an entire armoured train.

Skilled artisans from India who had worked on the original railway construction from Mombasa to Lake Victoria provided the core of a workforce which proved invaluable in manning the small light industries that grew up later.

Some of their descendants are today running factories producing items ranging from glass and metalware to commercial-vehicle bodies for locally assembled chassis.

There were early prospects that Kenyan industrialists might supply the entire East African market of 60 million people. These were dashed when neighbouring Tanzania and Uganda insisted on starting their own small industries, and an early arrangement for rationalizing production was scrapped early in the 1960s.

Canneries to help growers

But Kenyan manufacturers forged ahead to serve the local market, and the variety of goods subsequently produced, and the general good quality, created opportunities for export as far as Sudan, Somalia and Zaire, and later to Indian Ocean states. Items produced began with soap, cooking oils and processed foods, extending later to greater specialization.

Development of Kenya's agricultural sector also began early, and agro-industries were set up. Factories processed sugar-cane and coffee, and small pulping plants prepared the way for the giant milling and roasting facilities found in Nairobi today. Tea cultivation led to a chain of factories.

At the same time a large canning industry, with its own container factory, has developed to support the fruit and vegetable growers. Pineapples, fresh and canned, constitute Kenya's biggest single fruit export.

Fruit now ranks after coffee, tea and tourism as a foreign-currency earner. Meanwhile Kenya dairy products are in great demand in the Middle East.

The giant tyre industry was one of the first big foreign investments to take root in Kenya and led the way for subsequent investors to open factories with capital and knowhow from Europe, the US and Japan.

The government has made great efforts to encourage such foreign investment, at times on a partnership basis, offering favourable taxation concessions and some relaxation of rules regarding the repatriation of profits and dividends.

One of the most dramatic developments in Kenya's industrial sector, especially in the present decade, has been the rise of motor-vehicle assembly at plants in Nairobi, Mombasa and Thika, from kits imported from Europe and Japan.

Kenya-assembled vehicles, especially four-wheel-drive models, are being exported to neighbouring states. This forms part of the government's recent emphasis on a more aggressive promotion of exports, as well as making import substitutes more efficient and better.

Alastair Matheson



Working for your cuppa: tea pickers and carriers on a Nairobi estate in Kenya, one of the world's biggest black tea exporters

Big country, little land

With such a favourable climate, especially in the temperate highlands, it seems at first sight that Kenya should have a massive agricultural output, and be immune from the tropical pests and diseases which plague most of its neighbours.

But with a mere 12 per cent of its 225,000 square miles actually land of high potential, the area for producing food, and cash crops like tea and coffee, is very limited. Three-quarters of Kenya consists of arid and semi-arid land, with only some of the latter suitable for grazing livestock, *writes Alastair Matheson.*

With little arable land left for expansion, the "land problem", which has bedevilled Kenya throughout the 20th century, will soon become most acute because of the burgeoning population, due to double from its present 22 million soon after the year 2000.

Kenya managed to stave off the worst effects of the 1984 drought, but only by massive imports of grain, bought at commercial rates with hard currency, helped by regular food shipments from the United States under its Food for Peace programme.

It was also fortunate to escape the locust invasions of 1986-87, which caused havoc to the harvests of many other African states, such as Ethiopia and Sudan.

Unless the agricultural techniques now used by the bulk of Kenya's subsistence farmers can be improved during the next decade, however, its vision of self-sufficiency in food by the turn of the century will not be realized.

Irrigation is required on a much wider scale than now, confined as it is to the Tana River valley, the plains below Mount Kenya and the eastern shore of Lake Victoria. Elsewhere, there is irrigation only for high-value, cash-crop projects, such as coffee plantations, horticultural produce for export and flowers for the luxury markets overseas.

Farming remains the backbone of the Kenyan economy, despite the current boom in tourism, and coffee and tea are the principal earners of foreign exchange year after year. Maize, wheat and beans constitute the bulk of the staple local diet.

Far too much of Kenya is arid for its ever-growing population

Compared to other continents crop yields in Kenya are low, due mainly to the high cost of fertilizer in Africa. But remarkable progress has been made in recent years with the local production of hybrids, especially fast-growing, high-yielding maize.

The introduction of multiple-stem coffee bushes and, more recently, high-yielding clonal varieties of tea have resulted in greatly increased production, so long as the ever-present diseases are kept under control.

The agricultural sector provides jobs for nearly 70 per cent of Kenya's work-force and accounts for 30 per cent of the gross national product. Because 85 per cent of Kenya's population are still rurally based and engaged largely in subsistence farming, the actual percentage of people dependent on agriculture is much higher.

Those contributing to this vital sector, therefore, range from the peasants who scratch a living from half an acre to the vast plantations of coffee, tea and sisal, with even larger expanses of ranch land for beef-yielding cattle herds.

The agricultural sector that has perhaps made the most remarkable progress since independence in 1963 is smallholder tea-growing.

When tea was introduced to Kenya early in the 1900s, it thrived in Limuru, on the heights above Nairobi, then was successful in the Kericho, Sotik and Nandi districts of western Kenya. As in India, where most of the original companies came from, the tea was grown on big plantations with factories on each estate.

Tea grown on smallholdings by Kenyans began early in the 1960s on the slopes of Mount Kenya and along the ridges of the Nyambeni Hills, later spreading to other suitable areas with altitudes between 5,000 and 7,000 feet.

Today two-thirds of Kenya's tea is grown by more than 150,000 smallholders, whose leaves are processed by factories built by the para-statal Kenya Tea Development Association (KTDA).

Kenya now ranks as the third largest exporter of black tea in the world, coming after India and Sri Lanka. Britain is the main buyer. However the government wants to boost exports even more by creating new tea-growing areas along the fringes of Kenya's vast montane forests.

Last year's tea production exceeded the record crop of 1985, which reached 147,000 tonnes. The final figures will show between 155,000 and 160,000 tonnes. But because of a world glut causing a decline in world prices, the 1987 export crop will probably fetch less than the 1985 total and be around the £100 million mark.

Coffee brought great wealth to Kenyan growers during the boom years of 1976-77, and though the government forecast another such boom for 1986-87, it never reached the proportions of the 1970s. Prices have declined since, more than cancelling out the increase in production.

Unlike tea, coffee exports are subject to a strict international quota system, and the only outlet for coffee in excess of the quota is to non-quota countries in Eastern Europe and the East.

The steady fall in world prices for sisal has now crippled this industry in East Africa, and the once-thriving export of the daisy-like pyrethrum flower once used in organic insecticides has also been hit by low prices. The sugar industry also suffers from this.

On the other hand, the discovery of new and expanding markets for Kenyan meat, dairy products and horticultural items has given a boost to these sectors, as well as to the canning industry — especially pineapples, which are being marketed worldwide through the US multinational, Del Monte.

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Tensions at the border

Despite its economic and military strength, Kenya has always sought good relations with its neighbours. But it is not easy

It is perhaps paradoxical that the only country with which Kenya has consistently had good relations is Ethiopia, whose Marxist system is diametrically opposed to Kenya's free-wheeling capitalist approach.

That border, however, runs through a sparsely populated semi-desert, and there is virtually no cross-border trade. Uganda, by contrast, depends for almost all its imports, particularly fuel, and exports, particularly the coffee which provides 90 per cent of its foreign earnings, on Kenyan road and rail links.

This economic dependence, rather than ideological differences, lies at the heart of recent disputes between the two countries, which culminated last December in several days of shooting across the border after an argument between men of the Ugandan National Resistance Army (NRA) and Kenyan police at Busia, a border town.

Though the Kenyan press claimed at one stage that 26 Ugandans had been killed, the dead probably numbered under 10.

The current tension began when President Museveni came to power in Uganda. President Moi of Kenya sponsored peace talks in Nairobi, and he has probably never forgiven Mr Museveni for making a mockery of them by pressing ahead for a military victory at home at the same time as he was attending them.

Publicly, the Kenyans attribute much of the blame for the bad relations to the Libyan presence in Uganda, and alleged Libyan plots to destabilize Kenya. Kenya expelled the top two Ugandan diplomats and closed down the Libyan embassy in Nairobi at the peak of the last crisis.

Publicity has been given to the quite small amounts of money given by Libyan diplomats to Kenyan students; six diplomats were expelled and three Kenyans jailed on charges of spying for Libya last year. There have also been poorly substantiated allegations that 200 parking boys, the young men who earn a precarious living by watching and occasionally washing cars parked on city streets, have been taken to Libya via Uganda for training.

The Kenyan position is one of such strength, however, that it is hard to believe this is the real issue.

The first trouble, last May, followed Mr Museveni's directive that more Ugandan cargo, in particular coffee and fuel, go by the cheaper rail routes. This was accompanied by an increase in charges on the Kenyan lorries that had previously carried much of the traffic — and senior Kenyan government officials are heavily involved in the road-haulage business.

Each side accused the other of closing the border, and power and telecommunication links were cut for several days, causing black-outs in Kenya, which relies for about 10 per cent of its power on supplies from Uganda's Owen Falls plant. The Ugandans ran short of fuel.

After ministerial meetings, border traffic, both by road and ship to the Kenyan railhead at Kisumu on Lake Victoria, resumed. But it was an uneasy truce; and it took a personal meeting between Mr Museveni and Mr Moi to resolve the much more dangerous dispute in December.

Both sides must know they have nothing to gain by fighting, but indiscipline in Mr Museveni's NRA and the jingoistic atmosphere encouraged by the press in Kenya came close to provoking an unnecessary war. Border traffic has now resumed.

Previous disputes with other neighbours have been less serious, although Tanzanian dissaffection with the economic dominance of its northern neighbour contributed to its decision to close the border for six years from 1977 to 1983.

The heavy use of Tanzanian parks and roads by Kenyan tour firms and haulage companies also reinforced President Nyerere's personal dislike of senior Kenyan politicians at the time, in particular Charles Njonjo.

In an exchange between the two, Nyerere is reported to have described Kenya as a man-eat-man society. Mr Njonjo apparently replied that Tanzania was a man-eat-nothing society.

Though Kenya lost a market for its more developed manufacturing sector, the economic effects of the border closure were not great. Tanzania was incapable of paying for many imports and Kenya has little desire for Tanzania's agricultural exports, most of which it produces itself.

The border reopened after the redistribution of EAC assets, a swap of exiles involved in the 1982 Kenyan coup attempt and the 1983 Tanzanian coup plot — although two of the Kenyans returned from Tanzania and subsequently hanged had been formally granted political asylum — and the fall from grace of Mr Njonjo.

The liberalization of the Tanzanian economy by the new president, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, may lead to more trading opportunities, although its slow pace is dictated by the continued presence of former President Nyerere as party chairman.

Tanzania, like Uganda, would anyway prefer to develop its own manufacturing industries and avoid further reliance on Kenya.

There have been few recent problems with Kenya's other two neighbours, Somalia and Sudan. If relations cannot be described as close, they are cordial and of little significance in the absence of any major economic links.

There were serious strains with Somalia in the days of the Ogaden war in 1977 when the desire for a Greater Somalia spread into the Somali ethnic areas in north-eastern Kenya. Much of Kenya's surprising closeness to Ethiopia may be traced to that time, and continuing concerns about a resurgence of Somali nationalism.

Kenya has some sympathy for the Sudanese Peoples' Liberation Army, which has been fighting the northern, Muslim-backed government for four years for the abolition of Sharia law and regional autonomy for the predominantly African, animist or Christian south, but it has limited itself to allowing a small office for the movement in Nairobi.

That Khartoum is not hostile to Kenya is evinced by the continued Kenyan administration of a large if unproductive slice of Sudanese territory adjacent to the border. Kenya's interests would clearly be served by a resolution of the conflict that allowed it to resume its role as a transport route and supplier for southern Sudan. But there seems little chance of this.

Andrew Buckoke



Elephants and egrets in the shadow of Kilimanjaro, and a child in a Nairobi side-street

By mini-bus to elephant land

Tourism is booming, but there are new problems

With Kenya now claiming more tourists than any other African state, and tourism earning more foreign exchange than any commodity except coffee, its tourist industry looks set to achieve the government's target of a million visitors by 1990, or at least soon after that, *writes Alastair Matheson.*

Much of the recent success has been because of the nostalgic interest aroused for an older Kenya by the film, *Out of Africa*, especially in the United States. Most vacationers from Europe, by contrast, are attracted primarily to the Indian Ocean coastal resorts near Mombasa, and secondly, to the numerous game reserves.

Americans still fly to Nairobi, then to some of the better-known and well-appointed national park lodges. Visitors from Europe often fly direct to Mombasa and spend most of their time relaxing on the quiet beaches, perhaps with an occasional venture inland to a nearby game park.

The great majority of visitors to Kenya in 1986 were from West Germany (101,000 of a total 650,000), with British second at 65,000, followed by Americans (64,000), Swiss (44,000), Italians (34,000), French (24,000) and another 50,000 coming from other parts of western Europe. More than 100,000 visitors from other African countries were in Kenya mainly on business, or attending conferences, usually in Nairobi.

Though there is little evidence of over-crowding on the miles and miles of sandy beaches, broken here and there by coral cliffs or coves, some of the long-established game parks are experiencing congestion.

This is most noticeable at Amboseli, nestling in the shadow of Kilimanjaro, and in the Masai Mara Reserve, both adjoining the border with Tanzania.

As it is the nearest sanctuary to Nairobi where all of the "big five" (elephant, lion, leopard, rhino and buffalo) can usually be seen on a day's drive, Amboseli tends to be inundated by tourist minibuses at the height of the tourist season, early in the year.

The growing popularity of the Masai Mara National Reserve has seen a sudden rash of new tourist lodges and tented camps, some said to lack government licences.

This northern extension of Tanzania's Serengeti National Park has 12 lodges and camps, compared to only three lodges in Serengeti, which is 10 times as large as Mara.

A more serious problem has arisen quite recently to the

Hotels have just kept up with demand

dismay of the conservationist lobby, which fears the effects of uncontrolled tourism in Kenya generally. The new threat comes from above, in the shape of big, hot-air balloons which soar above the animals most mornings, affording their passengers a most spectacular angle from which to watch the migrating herds.

Up to 14 of these monsters operate from the reserve, and the sight of a cluster aloft frequently unnerves the grazing game, causing mini-stampedes.

Ecologists are afraid that the more timid species might flee from the Mara permanently, seeking solitude in the Serengeti.

Kenya's tree hotels are still popular with visitors, and in addition to the pioneer, Treetops, visited by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1951 and in 1983, there are The Ark, in the Aberdare National Park, and the Mountain Lodge, on Mount Kenya's slopes. For the well-heeled travellers, the luxurious Mount Kenya Safari Club, a few miles up the mountain from Nanyuki and the Equator, is another favourite on the well-used Northern Circuit. This also takes in sanctuaries such as the Samburu National Park and Meru National Park.

With the aim of relieving the pressure on this tourist route, as well as the Southern Circuit, the authorities are trying to popularize other venues in western Kenya, such as the Great Rift Valley, and the shores of Lake Victoria,

To the north of the simple clay forges of the Endo and Pokot smiths lies the route to Lake Turkana, formerly Rudolf, largest of the lakes within Kenya, with a surface area of 26,000 square miles. Though it is accessible by four-wheel-drive vehicles, regular charter flights operate to lodges on both shores of the lake, often referred to as the Jade Sea because of the light-green effect of the alkaline water.

Kenya's hotels and lodges, many of them up to high international standards, have been able to keep just ahead of the steadily rising demand, especially along the coast, where 1,000 or more hotel beds are being added each year.

According to the tourism ministry, the total of tourist beds should reach 30,000 by the end of 1988. Last year the total number of tourists visiting Kenya was estimated at 700,000, bringing in a revenue of more than £180 million (sterling).

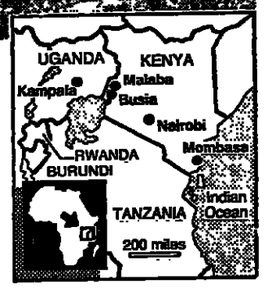
The government has, however, shown increasing concern over the failure of some companies to bank their hard-currency earnings in Kenya. This has meant a severe loss of foreign exchange, when the only cash remitted to Kenya is for covering local hotel and transport costs.

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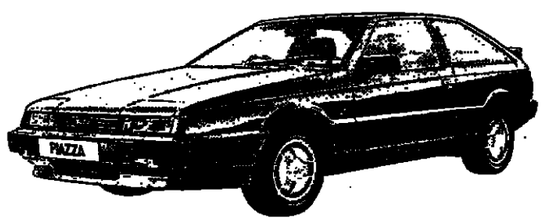
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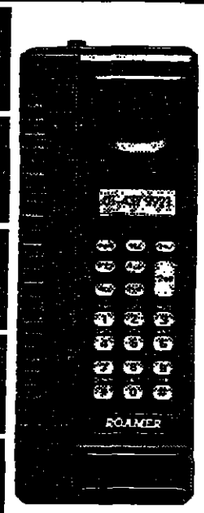
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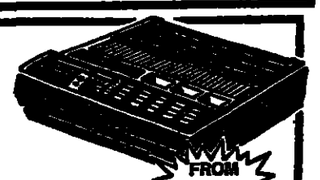
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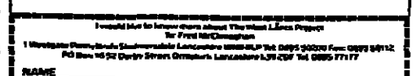
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Recovering rates on new buildings

Trendworthy Two Ltd v Islington London Borough Council

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Lowry, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches March 24]

Rates could be recovered on unoccupied new buildings proposed for inclusion in the valuation list with certain rateable values notwithstanding that the owners had appealed against the proposal and the relevant hereditaments and their rateable values were thereby not yet entered in the valuation list.

The House of Lords so held in allowing in part an appeal by Islington London Borough Council against the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir David Cairns; Lord Justice Dillon dissenting) (*The Times* March 10, 1987) dismissing their appeal from the order of Mr Justice Mervyn Davies who had granted the owners, Trendworthy Two Ltd, a declaration that they was not liable to pay unoccupied rates until the rateable value had been entered on the valuation list.

Lord Silsoe of Silsoe, QC and Mr Matthew Horton for Islington; Mr William Glover, QC and Mr Guy Roots for Trendworthy.

LORD BRIDGE said that the appeal arose in the course of a long running dispute between the developers of the Angel Centre, Islington, a modern office complex comprising two buildings, and the council as the rating authority.

The valuation officer had made proposals to include both buildings in the valuation list as office hereditaments with rateable values of £579,000 and £43,000 respectively. The owners gave notice of objection.

The owners had sought a declaration that they was not liable to pay rates in respect of the unoccupied buildings until the relevant hereditaments and their respective rateable values had been entered in the valuation list. The rating authority counterclaimed a declaration that the owners were liable to pay the rates as demanded.

It was very properly conceded by Lord Silsoe for the rating authority that they could not seek any relief on the counterclaim [because of an outstanding issue in other proceedings in relation to when the buildings were to be treated as completed for the purposes of the unoccupied rate].

The main issue raised a short point of construction. Assuming (1) that a newly erected and completed hereditament had been the subject of a proposal by the valuation officer that it be entered in the valuation list with a certain rateable value but that that proposal was the subject of an unresolved objection; and (2) that the new hereditament had remained unoccupied for a continuous period exceeding three months so that a relevant period of vacancy under Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act 1967 had commenced, had the rating authority power to amend the rate, pursuant to section 6 of the Act, so as to make the owners of the unoccupied hereditament liable for rates under paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 based on the valuation officer's proposed valuation, notwithstanding that the new hereditament had not yet been entered in the valuation list?

The simple argument for the rating authority was that the concluding words of Schedule 1 enabled the rating authority to operate the interim machinery of section 6 to collect rates due from the owners of an unoccupied hereditament on the commencement of a relevant period of vacancy in exactly the same way as from an occupier on the commencement of his occupation.

Whenever there was a relevant period of vacancy, the provisions of the Act applied as if the hereditament were occupied by the owner. Upon the commencement of a relevant period of vacancy, therefore, there was a hypothetical commencement of occupation by the owner and, subject to the provisions of Schedule 1, that brought into operation all relevant provisions of the Act, including section 6, which governed rateability in respect of the first occupation of a new hereditament.

On the face of it, that seemed to be the consequence of applying the language of the statute according to its ordinary meaning. That was the view taken by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in *Bar Hill Developments Ltd v South Cambridgeshire District Council* ([1979] RA 379).

It was said, however, on behalf of the owners that that result would conflict with paragraph 5 of Schedule 1. However there was nothing in the language of the sub-paragraph which was in any way inconsistent with the application to an unoccupied hereditament on the commencement of a relevant period of vacancy of the interim collection machinery provided by section 6 pending determination of the proper rateable value to be ascribed to the hereditament pursuant to the valuation officer's proposal.

His Lordship reached his conclusion in favour of the rating authority on what seemed to him the plain meaning of the statutory language. But he found reinforcement for the conclusion in the anomalies which must result if the language, as the judge and the majority of the Court of Appeal thought, would not bear that meaning.

There was no doubt that, if a new building was occupied and a proposal to enter it in the valuation list was made by the valuation officer but was objected to, the rating authority could amend the rate under section 6 to levy rates from the occupier. But suppose that after a short time the occupier left and three months later a relevant period of vacancy commenced.

The rate having already been amended, it would be absurd that the owner should, in those circumstances, be exempt from any liability under Schedule 1 until the appeal against the objection had been determined and the valuation list altered accordingly. Yet that, as Mr Glover accepted, was the necessary consequence if his argument for the owners prevailed.

Again, section 18 of the Act made various provisions governing liability for rates in respect of occupation of a hereditament for part only of a rate period. His Lordship referred in particular to section 18(4).

It seemed inescapable that, in the application of that provision, the concepts of "coming into occupation" and "going out of occupation" must, by virtue of the concluding words of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, determine an owner's liability for rates in respect of an unoccupied hereditament as if they applied to the beginning and ending of a relevant period of vacancy.

In that context any other construction would make the provision quite unworkable. Yet the restrictive construction of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 for which Mr Glover contended would preclude the application of section 18(4) to an owner's liability under Schedule 1 as effectively as it was alleged to preclude the application of section 6.

Lord Lowry, Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff agreed.

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Purchaser's circumstances relevant

Kashmir Kaur v Gill and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Bingham and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment March 15]

When hearing an application by a wife under section 1 of the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983 for a declaration that she had a right to occupy the former matrimonial home, which the husband had sold to a third party who had notice of the wife's registered rights of occupation, the court had to take into account "all the circumstances of the case" by virtue of subsection (3), which included the circumstances of the purchaser.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing by a majority (Sir Denys Buckley dissenting) an appeal by the wife, Kashmir Kaur, against a decision of Judge Batterbury in Gravesend County Court on June 18, 1987, who he had dismissed her application for an order that she be at liberty to re-enter the former matrimonial home and prohibiting her husband, Balwinder Singh Gill, or the purchaser of the house, Gurmail Singh from occupying it.

Mr Martin Fodder for the wife; Mr Carlton Christensen for the husband; Mr Henry Summerfield for the purchaser.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the wife had applied for an order declaring her right to occupy the former matrimonial home and prohibiting the purchaser from exercising any rights to occupy the property until further notice. Having no means of her own she had also asked that the purchaser or the husband or both of them should be ordered to pay the outgoings during her occupation.

The judge in reaching his decision had taken into account the circumstances of all three parties; the purchaser was a blind man who had bought the house so that he and his wife could live there as it was smaller and more convenient than his present house. It was accepted that if the judge had been entitled to consider the circumstances of the purchaser his decision as a matter of discretion could not be challenged.

It was submitted for the wife that the purchaser, having constructive notice, was bound by whatever rights of occupation the wife had as against the husband, that such a purchaser could be in no better a position than the husband and that it would be contrary to the fundamental purpose of the Act to take the purchaser's circumstances into account.

Section 2(5) of the Act was crucial. By virtue of it the purchaser could have applied to the court at any time after completion of his purchase to determine the wife's rights of occupation of the property. On such an application the court would, under section 1(3), have had to consider "all the circumstances of the case".

His Lordship could not see why those should not include the circumstances of the purchaser. Indeed, by the time of a supposed application by the purchaser the husband might have completely dropped out of the picture so that the husband's circumstances would be irrelevant.

Again, under section 1(3)(c) the court, while upholding a wife's rights of occupation, could order either her husband or a purchaser with notice to foot the repair bill for the house or to discharge the liabilities. The court could not decide which of them was to bear those burdens without considering the relative circumstances of both of them under the general heading of "all the circumstances of the case".

Again, where there was a purchaser with notice, the mortgage payments paid by a wife in occupation which were referred to in section 1(5) might be payments under a mortgage raised by the purchaser and not by the husband. Whether and how far such payments should be borne by the wife had again to depend on the circumstances of all three parties, including the purchaser.

No doubt the fact that a purchaser had constructive or actual notice of a wife's claim to rights of occupation was a highly material fact for the court to consider.

The judge had been entitled to consider the purchaser's circumstances as well as those of the wife and husband, and as that was the only issue on the appeal, it should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment.

SIR DENYS BUCKLEY, dissenting, said that primarily as between husband and wife, who would most commonly be the only parties concerned, the decision of the court on any application for relief under section 1(2) would depend on the rival merits of the respective claims to consideration of the husband and wife under section 1(3). It was their rights which called for adjustment.

It would seem strange if the combined effect of section 1(3) and 2(5) were to allow the husband to introduce into that balancing operation considerations relating to a third party who was a stranger to the marriage. Such a consequence would be irrational, or at least contrary to the policy of the Act.

Section 2(5) did not require the court to have regard to any considerations other than those expressly referred to in section 1(3). It did not require the provisions to be extended to the circumstances of a successor in title.

"All the circumstances of the case" had to be confined to relevant circumstances, that was to say, circumstances bearing upon mutual obligations and respective needs of the spouses and their children. The wealth or impecuniosity of a purchaser for value were irrelevant to the considerations to which section 1(3) required the court to pay regard.

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No time gain in renewing application

In re Bakole

Renewed applications for judicial review made to the Court of Appeal were to be a priority category thus ensuring that no time was gained by the applicants.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Taylor) so stated on March 17 refusing to grant the applicant leave, on his renewed application, to apply for judicial review of a decision of the Home Secretary that he was an illegal entrant.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the Court of Appeal had recently introduced a new system to identify renewed applications for judicial review (that is, those which had already been refused by the Divisional Court) and to treat them as a priority category.

His Lordship, while not suggesting that his remarks applied to the present applicant, did not want it to be thought that time might be gained by renewing the application. Accordingly, while the merits of such cases would be thoroughly investigated, no time would be gained by applicants.

Drunkenness defence in wounding

Regina v Stubbs

Where there was a clear case of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, drunkenness as a defence had to be very extreme before it should be allowed to influence the Crown to say that a plea of guilty to unlawful wounding contrary to section 20 would be accepted.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice McNeill and Mr Justice Ognall) so stated on February 29 when allowing an appeal by Kevin John Stubbs and reducing to 18 months' imprisonment a sentence of 2½ years imposed on October 7, 1987 at Lewes Crown Court (Mr Recorder N. P. Valios) on his plea of guilty to unlawful wounding (count 2), that plea having been accepted by the prosecution and a verdict of not guilty on count 1 (causing grievous bodily harm with intent) having been entered by order of the court.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that, charged with a section 18 offence, the appellant asserted that he had had so much to drink that he could not remember what he had been doing, and offered a plea to the section 20 offence.

That plea should not have been accepted. The sentencing exercise then took place in a wholly false context. Their Lordships wished to make it clear that there were too many of such cases coming up at the moment.

Complaint was now made that the judge, having accepted the section 20 plea, in fact sentenced for a section 18 offence. In their Lordships' view this was a section 18 offence and for that 2½ years' imprisonment would have been lenient but appropriate. Regrettably, in the circumstances, it was too much.

Challenging refusal of consent to change of use

Tollbench Ltd v Plymouth City Council

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Waite

[Judgment March 3]

In determining whether, for the purposes of section 53 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, a landlord's refusal to consent to a change of user of premises by a tenant had been reasonable, the court should first seek to ascertain the reason on which the landlord had acted in refusing consent and then consider whether, objectively, refusal for that reason was reasonable.

If it was, it could not be rendered unreasonable by the procedure which the landlord had adopted in making up his mind, even where the landlord was a local authority.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the landlord, Plymouth City Council, from Plymouth County Court (Judge Sir Jonanthan Clarke, QC) which on November 11, 1987 had granted the tenant, Tollbench Ltd, a declaration that the landlord had unreasonably withheld its consent to a change of user of property.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Clive Newberry for the landlord; Mr Anthony Donne for the tenant.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the tenant had argued that the procedure adopted by the landlord in reaching its decision had rendered the refusal unreasonable, relying on *Bromley Park Garden Estates Ltd v Moss* ([1982] 1 WLR 1019, 1034), *Lovelock v Margo* ([1963] 2 QB 786, 789) and *Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223).

Lord Greene's *dictum* in *Wednesbury* as to the meaning of unreasonableness was in a public law context concerning breach of statutory duty and did not assist in any way in this case.

In deciding whether a refusal had been reasonable, the court had to consider two questions.

First, what was the landlord's actual reason for refusal — the reason on which he had acted? The onus was on the tenant to show what the reason was, and it might be necessary to infer in whole or in part what was in the landlord's mind at the relevant time. If the landlord gave no reason for withholding consent, the court would be more ready to infer that the withholding had been unreasonable.

Having found the reason, the second question was whether, objectively, that reason was reasonable or not. Guidelines as to what constituted a reasonable refusal had recently been laid down in *International Drilling Fluids Ltd v Louisville Investments (Uxbridge) Ltd* ([1986] Ch 513).

On a proper construction of section 53 of the 1954 Act, it was not permissible for the court to consider the procedure by which the landlord had made up his mind in deciding whether the reason for the refusal had been objectively reasonable.

Procedure might be relevant on the issue of the genuineness of the stated reason, and so go to what the actual reason was, but *qua* procedure was not to be considered on the question of reasonableness.

Neither Lord Justice Slade in the *Bromley* case nor Lord Denning in *Lovelock* had been saying more than that one had to judge reasonableness as at the date of the refusal and that if no reason were given it was easier to infer unreasonableness, because a landlord was not entitled to rely on a reason thought up after the event.

Mr Justice Waite delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr A. Forbes Watson, Plymouth; Goldbergs, Plymouth.

Purpose of adducing evidence

Regina v Lunnon

When exercising the discretion given to a court by section 78(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and considering whether the admission of evidence would unfairly affect the proceedings, a trial judge was entitled to have regard to the precise purpose for which the evidence was sought to be adduced and to how it was intended the matter would eventually be left to the jury in the summing-up.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Simon Brown) so held on March 15 when dismissing the appeal of Keith Lunnon against his conviction on January 20, 1987 in Isleworth Crown Court (Judge Marder, QC and a jury) of conspiracy to steal, for which he was sentenced to 2½ years' imprisonment.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the appellant was indicted with three others, one of whom pleaded guilty on arraignment. Shortly before the close of the prosecution case the Crown applied to adduce that plea in evidence and, after argument, the judge acceded to the application.

It was perfectly possible to adduce the evidence of the conviction as being essential to the first limb of the Crown's case, namely that there was a conspiracy, rather than to the second limb, that any particular defendant was a party to it.

Clearly the precise purpose for which the evidence was sought to be adduced and the way in which it was intended that the matter would be summed up were matters which were in the judge's mind when he exercised his discretion to admit the evidence, and there was nothing unfair in the way the matter was eventually left to the jury.

No interest is due until claims are quantified

Farrans (Construction) Ltd v Dunfermline District Council

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Dunpark and Lord Wylie

[Judgment January 29]

Where the parties to a building contract incorporating the schedule of conditions of the standard form of building contract (local authority edition with quantities) (1963 edition) referred certain disputes to arbitration under clause 35 and subsequently agreed that certain sums be paid by the employers to the contractors, the arbiter was empowered to make an award of interest on the agreed sums, but such interest only commenced to run as from the date of the agreement between the parties.

The Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held in deciding an appeal by stated case brought by the employers, Dunfermline District Council, against the contractors, Farrans (Construction) Ltd.

The Dean of Faculty (Mr J. A. D. Hope, QC) and Mrs Ann Paton for the contractors; Mr C. N. McEachran, QC and Mr H. W. Currie for the employers.

The LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that the parties had reached agreement on all matters at issue between them except the question of whether interest was payable on any of the sums agreed to be due by the employers to the contractors and, if so, at what rate and for what period of time. The parties had agreed that questions relating to interest be determined by the arbiter.

The arbiter had found the contractors entitled to interest on two of the agreed sums from what should have been the date of the architect's final certificate, and on the remaining sums he had found that interest should run from the date of the parties' agreement. Interest was to be at the judicial rate of 15 per cent.

The first question was whether the arbiter had power to make any award of interest at all. However, on a proper reading of the deed of submission the arbiter was expressly empowered to deal with interest.

There were referred to the arbiter "all and any claims" made by the contractor against the employers "upon any ground whatsoever arising out of" the performance or failure in the performance of the parties' respective obligations. Those words were wide enough to cover a claim for both principal and interest.

His Lordship was not persuaded that the express reference in the deed of submission to interest on damages meant that interest could not form part of a claim which was not for damages.

The arbiter had awarded interest on two of the agreed sums, in respect of a claim for direct loss and expense under clause 24, and a claim arising from under-measurement, from what he considered should have been the date of the architect's final certificate, on the basis that they had been wrongfully withheld from the contractors.

The general rule in Scots law was that interest was due only where there had been a wrongful withholding of money. The arbiter had not been entitled to conclude that the sums had been wrongfully withheld.

The agreed sums had not been certified for payment by the architect. Accordingly, there was no obligation upon the employer to make payment of those sums until the arbiter certified them as due and payable.

Until the parties agreed that the two sums concerned were due and payable there could be no question of the employers being held to be wrongfully withholding the money. There was no doctrine to the effect that money could be regarded retrospectively as having been wrongfully withheld.

LORD DUNPARK agreed that the deed of submission included a power to award interest. His Lordship referred to *Aberdeen Railway Company v Blaikie* ((1854) 16D 471) in which the House of Lords held that an arbiter was not empowered to assess and fix the amount of a claim for damages. His Lordship said that that decision had led to the express power "to assess and award damages" being given to an arbiter in a deed of submission.

The fact that the deed of submission in the present case expressly included the power to award damages and interest on damages appeared to his Lordship to reinforce his construction that any claim arising out of the contract had to include any claims made for interest.

It could not reasonably be envisaged that the parties intended the arbiter to have power to award interest on the employers' claim for damages but to have no power to award interest on the contractual claims of the contractors.

With regard to the question of the date from which interest should run, the arbiter had decided that the sums had been wrongfully withheld from the time when the architect should have certified them as being due and that they should carry interest from that date.

That appeared to his Lordship to be an attractive solution but it was not based on the sums being in fact due prior to the date of decree arbitral but upon them being deemed to have been due from that date.

Counsel for the contractors emphasized the power given to the arbiter by clause 35(3) to "award any sum which ought to have been the subject of and included in any certificate", and referred in that context to *Northern RHA v Crouch Construction Ltd* ([1984] 1 QB 644).

In this case there was no decision of the architect, and the revising powers given to the arbiter under clause 35(3) could not be used to convert illiquid claims into debts bearing interest until the amounts of the debts were ascertained.

The architect had not granted a final certificate. Accordingly, the parties' claims were illiquid claims until the date of the agreement. The sums involved did not become debts due by the employer to the contractor until they were agreed.

A sum could not be wrongfully withheld by a debtor from a date when the debtor did not know what sum, if any, he was due to his creditor. There could not be a "deemed" wrongful withholding of money in this case.

Lord Wylie agreed with the Lord Justice-Clerk.

Solicitors: MacRoberts; Lindsays, WS.

Employer has no duty to insure contractor's claim

Aberdeen Harbour Board v Heating Enterprises (Aberdeen) Ltd and Others

Before Lord Clyde

[Judgment March 2]

Clause 20(c) of the JCT standard form of building contract 1963 edition (July 1977 revision) did not require the employer to insure against liabilities of the contractor or sub-contractor to third parties arising out of their negligence, and there was no implied obligation on the employer to indemnify the contractor or sub-contractor in respect of liabilities to third parties arising out of their negligence.

Lord Clyde so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session in dismissing an action so far as laid against the third party, the employers, by the defenders, the sub-contractors.

Mr Michael Jones and Mr D. Ian Mackay for the defenders; Mr Richard Keen for the third party.

LORD CLYDE said that the action was one for damages arising out of a fire. The pursuers were the proprietors of premises in Aberdeen. The third party was a limited company in occupation of part of the premises.

The third party engaged contractors to carry out certain work in the premises and the defenders were engaged as plumbing sub-contractors.

On October 10, 1981, a fire broke out which, according to the pursuers, caused extensive damage to the premises. The pursuers averred that the fire was caused by the negligence of the defenders' employees, in the handling of blowtorches in the course of their work. Liability was denied by the defenders.

In their pleadings, the defenders averred that if they were liable to make reparation to the pursuers, they were entitled to be indemnified by the third party and the main contractors incorporated the conditions of the JCT standard form of building contract 1963 edition (July 1977 revision), and in particular clause 20(c) thereof, the the effect that the existing structures (which included the pursuers' property damaged in the fire) were to be at the sole risk of the employer as regards loss or damage by, *inter alia*, fire.

The sub-contract between the main contractor and the defenders incorporated a clause providing that the sub-contractor "shall be deemed to have knowledge of all the provisions of the main contract, other than detailed prices".

The defenders went on to aver that the sub-contract was entered into on the basis of certain conditions of tender, including the following: "The main contractor or the building owner shall bear the risk of loss or damage by fire as defined under Clause 20 of the standard form", clause 20(c) being applicable.

The defenders argued that the third party undertook in terms of clause 20(c) to bear the sole risk of loss or damage by fire to the existing structures and was bound to insure the existing structures against loss or damage by fire, including the risk of fire caused by the negligence of a contractor or sub-contractor.

The third party was accordingly liable to indemnify the defenders against any liability to the pursuers arising out of any damage to the existing structures caused by the fire. The intention of the parties was that the loss, even though caused by the sub-contractors' negligence, should fall on an insurance company and that was the purpose of clause 20(c).

The undertaking to accept the sole risk of fire damage to the existing structure gave the defenders a right in the nature of a *jus quaesitum* in the enforcement of clause 20(c) and a right against the employer to claim the benefit of the policy for their own relief.

The indemnity was to be implied in the contract by virtue of clause 20(c) in the circumstances of the case.

His Lordship, in holding that the third party was not bound to indemnify the defenders, said that an implication in the contract of an obligation to indemnify failed in light both of the language of the contract and of general principle.

As regards the language, the contract clearly provided for indemnity when that was intended. Further, it was a well established principle that, in order to imply a term in a contract, the test of business efficacy must be satisfied. In the present case, the contract did not require the implication of the suggested indemnity in order to make business sense.

The purpose of the provision was to secure the continuation of the contract in the event of any of the specified risks occurring, unless it were just and equitable that it should be determined.

It was possible to formulate the issue in the case not as a question of whether a term of indemnification was to be implied in the contract, but as a question whether the third party was to be treated as insuring for its own benefit or for the benefit of the contractor and sub-contractor.

His Lordship found it impossible in the circumstances of the present case to hold that the benefit was intended for anyone other than the employer. If it had been intended that the contractor or sub-contractor should be the beneficiary of the policy, the clause could readily have provided for a policy to be effected jointly in names of the employer, the contractor and the sub-contractor and it had not done so.

In *Scottish Special Housing Association v Wimpey Construction UK Ltd* (1986 SLT 559), the House of Lords had held that the effect of clauses 18(2) and 20(c) of the JCT standard form was that the obligation to insure against the risk of damage by fire, including fire caused by the negligence of the contractors, lay on the employer, and that the contractors were not liable to the employer in respect of damage to their property due to a fire caused by the negligence of the contractors.

His Lordship was of the opinion that an exception to the indemnity by the contractor to the employer was not necessarily the subject of an indemnity by the employer to the contractor. The issue raised in the present case was between a sub-contractor and the employer, with no contractual relationship between them. The case was not one of a barrier to a claim by the employer but of an alleged obligation of indemnity.

Further, his Lordship was of the view that an insurance against the risk of the specified incidents listed in clause 20(c) was of the nature of a property insurance and was distinct from, or at least did not necessarily include, an insurance to cover liability for loss sustained by a third party through negligence.

Clause 20(c) did not require an insurance against the liabilities of the contractor or sub-contractor to third parties arising out of their negligence, by an indemnity for the employer against his loss in the event of any of the specified risks occurring, whether or not caused negligently.

On a construction of the phrase "the existing structures" in clause 20(c), his Lordship considered that the phrase could not have been intended to include structures which the employer neither owned not occupied. If the clause were construed as relating to damage to a neighbour, the contractor could be required to reinstate the neighbouring property out-with the contractual control of the owner of that property, as part of the contractual works. In addition, questions of the existence of an insurable interest might well arise.

Solicitors: Simpson & Marwick WS; Dundas & Wilson CS.

Company directors owe no fiduciary duty to shareholders

Dawson International plc v Coats Patons plc and Others

Before Lord Cullen

[Judgment March 4]

The directors of a company, while owing fiduciary duties to the company, were under no general fiduciary duties to the current shareholders of the company in regard to the disposal of their shares in a takeover.

Accordingly it was open to the directors to enter into a contract with a prospective purchaser of the company that they would not encourage or cooperate with any competing bidder.

Lord Cullen so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session in allowing a proof in an action brought by Dawson International plc on the basis that Coats Patons plc were in breach of such a contract in encouraging and cooperating with a competing offer from Vantona Viyella plc.

Mr William Nimmo-Smith, QC and Mr Neil Brailsford for the pursuers; Mr John Murray, QC and Mr Philip Brodie, QC, for the defenders.

LORD CULLEN said that according to the pursuers' averments it was provisionally agreed between the parties that the pursuers would acquire the shares of the defenders in exchange for new shares in the pursuers.

The pursuers were not interested in becoming involved in a contested takeover, and terms were agreed whereby the merger would proceed as an agreed merger recommended by the defenders' board, with the object of achieving a "lock-out" in which the board would not encourage or cooperate with any competing offerer.

On January 27, 1986, a joint Press announcement of the proposed merger was made, including the statement that the board of Coats Patons would recommend acceptance of the offer. Offer documents were to be issued to shareholders on February 10.

In the meantime, however, an approach had been made to the defenders by Vantona Viyella. On February 10 the defenders publicly announced an agreed takeover by that company.

The pursuers claimed that in encouraging and cooperating with the rival approach, and in failing to recommend the pursuers' offer to their shareholders, the defenders were in material breach of their contract with the pursuers. They accordingly sued for payment of the costs of underwriting, printing and professional services in connection with the bid, and for the tax chargeable on recovery of those costs.

For the defenders it was argued that they could not have entered into a contract on such terms. First, it was not within the power of a company to bind itself to recommend a particular offer.

Second, such a contract would conflict with the fiduciary duty of directors. When directors were concerned with the shares of shareholders they owed a fiduciary duty to them. The alleged contract involved the directors fettering their freedom to act in the shareholders' best interests: see *Clark v Workman* ([1920] 1 IR 107).

Third, any such contract would have been understood to be conditional upon the pursuers' bid remaining the best bid from the defenders' shareholders' point of view.

His Lordship said that he did not accept as a general proposition that a company could have no interest in the change of identity of its shareholders upon a takeover, or that by reason of lack of interest the company could not enter into a contract of the nature alleged.

It was well recognized that the directors owed fiduciary duties to the company. But his Lordship saw no good reason why it should be supposed that the directors were, in general, under a fiduciary duty to shareholders, and in particular current shareholders with respect to disposal of their shares.

Directors were not normally agents of the current shareholders. The authorities established no such fiduciary duty.

What was in the interests of current shareholders as sellers of their shares might not coincide with the interests of the company. Directors had but one master: the company.

If directors took it upon themselves to give advice to current shareholders, they had a duty to advise in good faith and not fraudulently and not to mislead. That was not a pre-existing fiduciary duty but a potential liability arising out of their words and actions based on ordinary principles of law.

The case of *Heron International Ltd v Lord Grade* ([1983] BCLC 244) was not authority for the proposition that directors could not agree to recommend a bid and not to encourage or cooperate with a rival approach without being in breach of a fiduciary duty to the current shareholders.

Accordingly, his Lordship rejected the contention that the defenders could not have entered into a contract in the terms indicated by the pursuers. The question whether the pursuers' averments were to be read as subject to an implied condition qualifying the defenders' obligations could only be determined after the hearing of evidence.

His Lordship rejected an alternative case against the defenders, and against the directors as individuals, that in the event that no contract existed between the parties the representations that the defenders would not encourage or cooperate with a rival bid were made unwarrantably and recklessly, thus entitling the pursuers to recompense for their loss and expense.

Solicitors: Dundas & Wilson CS; Maclay Murray & Spens.

ATHLETICS: PETTY RIVALRIES LEAVE TEAMS IN AUCKLAND LESS THAN SUM OF THEIR PARTS

Tooby made to carry a heavy load by Britain

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Auckland

The British are not very good at revolutions. Change is imposed, rather than sought. And the initial outcome of the International Amateur Athletic Federation demand that the four British "home" countries combine into a United Kingdom team for the world cross-country championship is that the British men are likely to do a lot worse here tomorrow than the second-placed English team did last year; and the "unbeatable" British women's team will do well to reach the rostrum.

The reasons for this are many, not the least being the complete indifference of the British Board to cross-country. That much was evident from the organizational farce of the first trial to select the combined team.

Many of the supporting cast, and even some of those who ultimately made the team, did not know that they were running until days beforehand. And internecine rivalries at official level surfaced with the crass suggestion from one Englishman that no Northern Irish were worthy of participating. Deon McNeilly, who led most of the way and finished second did not even find that funny in retrospect.

The long trip here did put some people off, but only among the British, it seems. Dave Clarke, the most consistent Briton in these championships in the last five years, would have considered coming if it had been in Europe. But next month he chases his last chance of making the Olympic Games by running the London marathon. The same applies for Kevin Forster.

But there was no effort to solicit the participation of Nick Rose, Mike McLeod, Paul Davies-Hale and Gary Staines and others. And with so much money in road racing nowadays, some financial incentive really has to be considered. It is rather pointed that Liz Lynch is running in this part of the world next week, albeit for a $30,000 prize.

The withdrawal of Zola Budd – which every athlete here seems to regret – has undermined what would still have been a winning team. As it is, Angela and Susan Tooby, Jill Hunter and Sonia Vinall should not be too far away from team medals. But Angela Tooby, Lynch, Budd, and either Hunter, Susan Tooby, Yvonne Murray or Wendy Sly would have produced an unparalleled winning margin in this championship.

Angela Tooby can still win the individual title, a considerable achievement against Ingrid Kristiansen and Lynn Jennings. Tooby justifiably reckons that the thick, tiring grass of the Ellerslie Racecourse, with four sapping climbs, will favour her against Kristiansen, who is more at home on the road and track. The Soviet, American and French teams are the ones to beat.

It is hard to see beyond the Kenyans as men's winners for the third successive year. And who would bet against John Ngugi? He finished third in the recent Kenyan championship to Paul Kipkoech. But he finished 76th last year, was co-opted onto the Kenyan team as the reigning world champion, and beat Kipkoech on the line to the title.

The pair have not run so well in Europe this winter, which permits several pretenders, like Vincent Rousseau, Ezekiel Canario, Paul Arpin, Pat Porter, Francesco Panetta, Steve Moneghetti, William van Dyke, and John Treacy, the 1978-79 winner, emerging from a two-year cross-country wilderness.

If the Ethiopians arrive, it should be just in time to run, and then board the plane again. But such tactics are unlikely to mean that any silverware will be going with them, if not for their junior team, which has won for the last six years, although the Kenyans should win that one, too.



Pledged partners: Jayne and Anthony Nicolaou in training (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Unity works for Nicolaous

By Michael Coleman

Anthony and Jayne Nicolaou watched last year's Mars London Marathon from their bed. It was exciting – "they do it so well on TV," she said – but also frustrating, for they had run the race together in 1986.

Their medals and a photograph of them crossing the line on Westminster Bridge hand-in-hand with the clock reading 3hr 47min 30sec are framed. They vowed not to give 1988 a miss, although they had a perfectly good reason for staying in bed that Sunday last May: a baby was due in a couple of weeks. It duly arrived, a girl, Emily.

In November Emily died at their Hammersmith home when five months old. Since no adequate explanation could be given for the fatality, the cause of death was registered as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). It was another "cot death" among more than 1,500 each year in Britain. The figure is rising.

"One day you have a baby, next day you haven't," he said.

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"It's a little bit like thieves have stolen the baby." This increased their determination to run in this year's London Marathon. From his profession as a general practitioner and hers as a theatre nurse, they knew that only painstaking research can uncover the reasons for cot deaths.

Their entries for this year's race were initially rejected but they are now entered as fund-runners for *The Times*/Tandem Computers London Marathon Appeal. The money they raise will go to the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths which, as well as promoting research, supports bereaved parents. "It gives you hope when you meet other mothers like yourself who have gone on to have other children," she said.

They propose to run together again on April 17. Judging from Mrs Nicolaou's time of 42min for 10-kilometres in Hereford on New Year's Day, her husband has an exhausting weekend, both physical and mental, in prospect. Next day he sits exams at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The Times and Tandem Computers hope that by featuring the efforts of our 13 fund-runners representing 12 worthy causes, we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them, write, clearly stating your beneficiaries, to *The Times*/Tandem Computers London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, Virginia Street, London E1 9BH. We will send on your donations.

Tandem Computers are offering prizes of £250, £150, £100 in sports shop vouchers, or contributions to their causes, to the three biggest fund-raisers from our group. Each member of the squad will receive a memento.

RACING

Cauthen makes happy return on Vague Shot

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Steve Cauthen struck the only blow for the otherwise luckless backers on the opening afternoon of the Flat at Doncaster yesterday when bringing Vague Shot home three lengths clear of Chartino in the *Racing Post* Mile.

"We seem to be back where we left off, in the winner's enclosure," said the 27-year-old reigning champion jockey with a smile as he steered the even-money favourite in to the unsaddling enclosure.

With the sensational ban on communications having just been imposed by the Jockeys' Association, the normally talkative Cauthen had nothing to add only four months after clinching his third title on Vague Discretion for yesterday's winning trainer, Robert Williams on this course in November.

Runner-up under a big weight in the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at the start of last season, Vague Shot was always travelling easily yesterday and had looked a certain winner long before sweeping to the front just inside the final furlong.

"He had been given 9st 13lb in this year's Lincoln," said the trainer. "He was well suited by today's conditions and this has been the plan. He's in a group three race at the Curragh on Grand National day. If the ground is bottomless, he'll go there. Otherwise he might run in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at the Craven meeting."

Vague Shot was trained by Richard Casey for his main 1987 triumph in the Royal Hunt Cup. "I originally bought him for 8,000 guineas as a yearling but he's been on his travels since his two-year-old days," said Williams. "I only got him back in August." With nearly 70 horses in his care this year, the trainer's 1987 total of 27 winners was his best.

Earlier in the day the blustery March wind had wiped the hats from the punters head as quickly as the victory of outsiders had emptied their pockets. And Pat Muldoon, Sea Pigeon's owner, and his son, Stephen, were just about the only people cheering after Joey Brown, the former Crown Plus Two apprentice champion, had driven Denham Green to a 25-1 win in the 1988 opener, the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes.

Domelexta, the 100-30 favourite, could only finish fifth and it was left to Carry On Cary to chase home the winner. "The mud suited him and he'd been well trained," said the father of the 23-year-old handler. "And we've got plenty better than this at home."

The young Muldoon, who won a race on Sea Pigeon as a jockey, is only in his second season with a trainers' licence, having served his time with Peter Easterby, Bill Haigh and Mick O'Toole in Ireland.

"He's a big, burly sort, so I had him gelded," he said. "He'd been working well with older horses, so I gave him quite a chance. We'll probably go to Ayr next, as I'd ideally love to win a race in Scotland." Muldoon senior is a well known Edinburgh wine and spirits wholesaler.

Despite the starting price of 11-1, however, the hard-earned win of Somebody in the Bertie Bassett Stakes came as no surprise to Clive Brittain. The four-year-old is owned in partnership by the Newmarket trainer and Lord Tavistock, who is still in hospital after suffering a severe stroke.

"The horse worked well recently so I thought I knew where I was," he said. "I told all the nurses in the hospital to have a bet. But Lady Tavistock probably won't be so pleased as she's sworn to give up smoking if I was right."

The *Raceform Handicap Book* Handicap resulted in a one-two for Mel Brittain – no relation – when Gary Bardwell brought Shay home just ahead of his stable companion, Small Fee. "There's not much between them and I thought they'd be thereabouts," said the always laconic trainer.

Northern stables had their fourth winner of the day when Bruce Raymond rode Asturias to victory for Malcolm Jefferson in the Go Racing in Yorkshire Magazine Maiden Stakes.

Jefferson seemed pleased but also annoyed by the 25-1 success. "We've had all sorts of trouble with him. Only last week he knocked a joint. But I've always told the owners that he's a good horse. They'll probably send him to the sales now."

Le Glorieux can lift Tancred for Europe

By a Special Correspondent

The globe-trotting Le Glorieux (Alain Lequeux), successful in the Japan Cup and Washington International last autumn, can land the 12-furlong H. E. Tancred Stakes at Rosehill, Sydney tomorrow. The race, worth £241,245 to the winner, takes place at 3.45pm local time, 5.45am British time.

Trainer Robert Collet is confident that his colt is in the peak of condition, despite the fact that he pulled up apparently lame after working earlier in the week.

Le Glorieux is undoubtedly the best of the European runners on paper and, given his tough constitution, is fancied to add Australasia to the other three continents in which he has won.

Highland Chieftain (Brent Thomson) has pleased John Dunlop in the last few and the horse will be well suited by the recent rain, unlike the majority of the home-trained challengers, who invariably show their best form on fast ground.

Dunlop dispelled any doubts as to the horse's ability to adapt to the course and the demands made by it, saying: "The tight track should not pose any problems as the horse can be dropped out if necessary." While Highland Chieftain is not entitled to beat Le Glorieux, he still holds sound each-way claims.

Beau Zam, Australia's leading three-year-old, is likely to start favourite although he has drifted in the market with local bookmakers in the last day or so. Bart Cummings's colt beat the ex-Henry Cecil-trained Bonhomie comfortably last time and certainly appears top class.

The other European challenger, Vaguely Pleasant (Tony Cruz), does not hold the credentials of the other raiders but that does not worry trainer Patrick-Louis Biancone. "The more rain the better for Vaguely Pleasant," Biancone said yesterday. "Although the press give him least chance, I believe he has the best."

Bonhomie and Myocard appear best of the remainder, while Dandy Andy will be seeking to add this top contest to his recent defeat of Bonecrusher.

Edwards appeal is upheld

John Edwards, the Ross-on-Wye trainer, yesterday won his appeal against the disqualification of his horse Outlaw at Southwell in February.

Outlaw beat Aldro by 10 lengths in the Turfcall Handicap Chase but the local stewards reversed the first two placings, claiming that Outlaw had interfered with the unplaced Akram after the penultimate fence.

At yesterday's Portman Square inquiry, the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee confirmed that Outlaw accidentally interfered with Akram, but decided that the interference did not take place at the penultimate fence.

The committee placed Outlaw first, Aldro second, Nonstop third and Kevinsfort fourth.

● Cranlome, a 50-1 chance for the Seagram Grand National, defied top weight of 12 stone in the Bagenalstown Handicap Chase at Gowran Park yesterday. Cranlome ran twice in the space of 48 hours at Aintree last year, finishing fifth in the Whitbread Trophy and fourteenth in the National.

CYCLING

Hard race awaits Webster

By Peter Bryan

Darryl Webster has made one of his many racing specialities the Porthole grand prix 25 miles time trial around Windermere, winning in three of the last four years.

The Walsall rider returns to Sunday's event as a professional and knows his former amateur rivals would love nothing more than to see him beaten. There will be more than pride at stake for Webster, who holds the course record of 57.19sec; he goes to the event after a week racing in Belgium to give his injured right knee another test.

The trial has attracted a full field of 120. Of the amateurs, Dave Smith, now with the Manchester Wheelers, Webster's club, has won all his five races this season, claiming course records in two, and is a possible challenger for top place. He knows the course well: he fell in 1984 but managed fourth place, finished fifth the following year despite a broken collarbone and third in 1986. Last year he did not enter.

Riders start at Bowness and cover the undulating course in anti-clockwise direction, with the hardest stretch, a climb of one in seven, at the halfway point. Smith describes the unwelcome hill as "a real pig.

If Smith should crack, Chris Boardman or Pete Longbottom could give Webster a ride for his money.

HOCKEY

Tournament gives valuable taste of Seoul opposition

From Sydney Friskin, Lahore

Great Britain's hopes for an Olympic medal will be put to the test by five of the world's best teams in the tenth Champions Trophy tournament, which starts here today on a newly laid artificial turf pitch, the playing surface for the 1990 World Cup tournament.

Bernie Cotton, Britain's assistant manager, has returned to familiar surroundings. As captain of the British side, he received a bronze medal at the inaugural Champions Trophy tournament here in 1978, when Pakistan won the gold and Australia the silver.

Since then, Britain have won the bronze medal at Karachi in 1984 and the silver at Perth, Australia, in 1985, losing the bronze medal only on goal difference to Pakistan in 1986 (Karachi) and Australia in 1987 (Amsterdam).

Another medal for Britain, seeded No. 2 for the Olympic Games behind Australia, could provide food for thought to those teams whose Olympic selection is already clearly defined. Australia, West Germany and the Soviet Union fall into this category, leaving Britain, Pakistan and Spain among the teams here still at the experimental stage.

The performance of three young players, Mayer, Garcia, and Hill, will indicate whether the dropping of the seasoned campaigners, Bhaura and Barber, was justified. Indeed, Leman, who was also omitted, came in as a late replacement for the injured Kirkwood as an inside forward.

Britain begin their challenge today with a match against Spain, who are not yet assured of their place in Seoul. They have to play off against Poland in Amsterdam at the end of next month to decide who should fill the last vacancy and now, with their resources replenished, could stretch the British team to the limit. Spain, however, were beaten twice by a weaker British team in the four nations' tournament at Barcelona in January.

Against Spain, Martin and Faulkner should be at full back, Potter at right half and Dodds at centre half, but McConnell, recently recovered from a hip injury and a bout of flu, may be rested at left half in favour of Grimley, who can also play at forward. With Mayer on the right wing, Batchelor will be switched to the other extreme. The stiffer test for Britain will come tomorrow, against Australia, the World Cup holders, who are relying more on experience than youth.

West Germany, attempting their third consecutive success in this event, are favourites.

BRITISH SQUAD (England unless stated): I Taylor, J Hurst, D Faulkner, S Martin (N Ire), J Duthie, J Potter, R Dodds (capt), W McConnell (N Ire), S Batchelor, R Leman, R Hill, R Thompson, M Grimley, R Clift, C Mayer, R Garcia.

Chances go begging

The Netherlands, reigning Olympic, European and world champions, beat Great Britain 2-0 in the Esanda six nations' women's international tournament in Perth yesterday (Cathy Harris writes). It was a flattering result for the Dutch, who were outplayed, but Britain paid the penalty for not taking advantage of numerous scoring opportunities.

Bolhuis, the Dutch captain, scored both goals, directly before the interval and midway through the second half. In another match yesterday, South Korea beat New Zealand, 2-0.

GREAT BRITAIN: W Banks; M MacLeod, J Allen, B Hambly (capt), V McBrearty, J Rule (sub: G Messenger), C Jordan (sub: J Sussmith), K Brown, W Fraser, A Ramsay, G Brown (sub: S Williams).

THE NETHERLANDS: Y Buter; L Lejeune, T Sibbing (sub: A van Manen), C Benninga, N Holsboer, L Willemse (sub: H van den Ban), A Neuwenhuizen, M van Doorn, I Wolff, M Bolhuis (capt), S von Weiler (sub: M Otw).

● The West annual club tournament will be staged at Cheltenham tomorrow and Cirencester on Sunday (Joyce Whitehead writes). The top team go forward to the national clubs finals, others will qualify for the first division of next season's new West League.

Cambridge stroll to their title

By David Chappell

Cambridge	2
London	1

Cambridge won the British Universities Sports Federations men's championship at Swansea yesterday, beating London in the final more comfortably than the score suggests.

When McNally was stick tackled after 10 minutes Bell converted the penalty stroke to put Cambridge in command. Castenskiold, who had hit a post, and then lofted a shot wide, atoned early in the second half when McNally pushed Riley's loose clearance into his path.

Riley made up for his error five minutes from time when his shot took a deflection.

CAMBRIDGE: C Pearce (Dulwich College and St John's); P Nilenow (King Edward VI Birmingham and St John's), A Shafiq (Caterham and Downing), B McKee (Bangor and Robinson), G Simmon (KCS Wimbledon and Downing, capt), J Stenner (The Perse and Magdalene), E Castenskiold (Bedford and Magdalene), J Robinson (Bishop Vesey and Downing), G Higgin (Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Clare), C Bell (Bedford and Magdalene), S McNally (St George's Weybridge and Sidney, Sussex).

LONDON: T Willman; P O'Donnel, A Holmes, P Kirkland, M Blake, M Baxter, M Riley, P Shrimpton, M Coleman, P Krishman, I King.

Umpires: G Nash (Northern Counties) and D Adams (Wales).

OTHER RESULTS: Men: Semi-finals: Cambridge 1, N Ireland 0; London 1, UAU 1 0. Play-offs: 3rd place: N Ireland 3, UAU 1 2. 5th: UAU 1 6, Scotland 2. 7th: Wales 0, Oxford 6. Women: Final placings: 1, England A, 18pts; 2, Scotland, 14; 3, N Ireland, 11; 4, London/Oxford/Cambridge, 8; 5, Wales, 6; 6, England B 1.

Scholfield has dual title aim

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

The ambitions of Philip Scholfield are not limited to winning the point-to-point riding championship as he has his sights set, in the not far distant future, on the National Hunt amateurs' title too.

His win at Leicester at the beginning of the month on Golden Link was Scholfield's ninth under Rules, previous successes being divided equally between hurdles and fences.

Of these, winning the Land Rover final on Cal Mal at Chepstow last season gave him the most satisfaction.

His mother having owned a riding school, it was inevitable that he would learn the rudiments of horsemanship at an early age but, though he progressed to senior show jumping through Pony Club events, it was not until he was 22 years old that Scholfield started to take a serious interest in point-to-point racing.

By then he had moved back to Devon, the county of his birth, after spending the intervening years in Aylesbury. His first winner, in 1982, was in the South Devon maiden at Galmpton on Sandsprite who belonged to his uncle, Peter Gratton.



Philip Scholfield: favourite for the men's championship

This horse has served him well as, now 14 years old, Sandsprite is still enjoying his racing and only three weeks ago ran well in the Audi qualifier at the South Cornwall, being beaten only by a head.

Six years after that first success, Scholfield has passed his half century of wins between the flags and is the favourite for this year's title. "Wins at the start of the season are a bonus," he says, "I always do much better in April and May."

Nevertheless, with only a third of the season gone, he leads with 10 wins, two ahead of last year's champion Mike Felton, John Llewellyn and David Naylor-Leyland.

Ken Dunn provides Scholfield with many of his rides but, though they may aid him in his quest for the title, six of these horses will be aimed more ambitiously at hunter chases.

Cal Mal will, once again, be on the Land Rover trail and may also take his chance in the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford while Golden Hornet, who beat Phil Grey in the open at the Bolventor and was successful again in the open at the Dart Vale on Wednesday, is an entry for the Liverpool Foxhunters.

To become champion point-to-point rider, one needs ability, horses, opportunities and luck in remaining injury free. Scholfield has the first three aplenty and only bad luck appears likely to prevent him from receiving the *Daily Telegraph* trophy

DART VALE RESULTS: Hunt: 1, Flashleigh Boy (I Widdicombe); 2, Bolt The Gate (P Scholfield); 3, Connidge (R Darke). Open: 1, Golden Hornet (P Scholfield); 2, Plan Henry (C Boumphrey); 3, Prohibition Boy (G Turner). Adj: 1, Buck's Mill (I Foale); 2, Hard Touch (T Grebe); 3, Breezy Glen (Miss K Ellis). Ladies: 1, Roodle Doodle (Miss V Williams); 2, Haverswood (Mrs J Mills); 3, Never Deemed (Miss P Fisher). Rest: 1, Dusky Heart (G Penfold); 2, Scholarship (I Dowrick); 3, Railway Track (S West). Mdn: 1, The Nation's Way (Miss V Williams); 2, Sky Rock (P Scholfield); 3, Rising Mist (R Cole).

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Doncaster

Going: soft (str); good to soft (md)

2.40 (5f) 1. DENHAM GREEN (J H Brown, 25-1); 2. Carry On Cary (D Nicholls, 20-1); 3. Outstanding Bill (W Newnes, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Domelexta (5th), 100-30 Sharp Steven (6th), 5 Prevailing Wind, 13-2 Dale Park, 15-2 Creeker, 8 Emsleys Choice, Generously Gen (4th), Petorino, 14 Hambledon Lad. 12 ran. 2l, 1l, ¾l, 2½l, 4l, S Mulcaon at Malton. Tote: £44.00: £13.10, £6.10, £8.40. DF: £204.80; CSF: £430.58. 1min 07.98sec.

3.10 (1m 4f) 1, SOMEBODY (M Roberts, 11-1); 2, Lotus Island (Kim Tinkler, 9-1); 3, Minizen Lad (A Munro, 14-1); 4, Hopping Around (J Bleasdale, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 8 fav Monetary Fund, 13-2 Old Hubert, 8 Camilla's Girl, 11 King Telkros, 12 Laochal, Cammac Lad (5th), 14 Petting Party, Taylormade Boy, 16 Dick Knight, Marley Monarch, 20 Deep Water Bay, Vickstown, 25 Positive Way, Run High, Go West (6th), Ribo Melody. 20 ran. NR: Bold Rex. 1l, nk, 2½l, 2½l, 3l. G Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £16.50; £3.40, £2.00, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £90.20. CSF: £109.74. Tricast: £1301.58. 2min 51.33sec.

3.40 (5f) 1, SHAY (G Bardwell, 7-1); 2, Small Fee (A Munro, 10-1); 3, Fairfield Lad (G Carter, 6-1); 4, Proud And Keen (T Ives, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Great Chaddington, 13-2 Just Jennings, 9 Mere Melody (5th), Swing Lucky (5th), 12 Tauten, 14 Isis Bridge, Marley Sugalite, 16 Draodoir, Lonely Ramiro, 20 Ebony Queste, 25 North Of Watford, Waverley Star. 16 ran. ½l, 1½l, hd, ½l, 6l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £8.20; £1.60, £2.40, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £26.20. CSF: £77.60. Tricast £421.70. 1min 07.33sec.

4.10 (1m) 1, VAGUE SHOT (S Cauthen, Evens fav; Mandarin, Michael Seely's rep and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Bin Shaddad (T Ives, 6-1); 3, Chartino (W R Swinburn, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Rumboogie, 10 Tolo (5th), 25 Great Aspect (6th), Inishpour (4th). 7 ran. NR: Beau Guest. 3l, 1½l, 1½l, 30l. 6l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £2.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.03. 1min 49.83sec.

4.45 (1m 2f 50yd) 1. THE FOOTMAN (P Burke, 14-1); 2. Star's Delight (S Wood, 11-2 jt-fav); 3, Pershing (D D'Arcy, 25-1); 4, Space Trooper (K Brownsword, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Creeager (5th), 8 Bronze Runner, Cheerful Times, Rana Pratap, Ci Siemo, 9 Dawn Love, 12 Maddie Lady, 14 Susan Henchard (6th), Sir Percy, Artistic Champion, 20 Charlie Millord, Fajir, Hay Street, 33 Kaussh. 18 ran. 6l, 7l, ¾l, 1½l, 1l. R Stubbs at Middleham. Tote: £32.10; £5.40, £1.40, £8.10, £12.90. DF: £80.70. CSF: £94.68. 2min 27.87sec.

5.15 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, ASTURIAS (B Raymond, 25-1); 2, Lily Mab (S Cauthen, 5-1); 3, Nicolene's Hope (W R Swinburn, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Lavrosky, 6 Big Red (5th), Pchinico, 12 Masnoon, Royal Pagent, 14 Little White Lies, 25 Melarnee, Rodomont, 33 Hajl Baba (4th), 50 Tigers Pet, Town Meeting, Track Marshall, Milan Pride, Mrs Mainwaring, Tino Reppin, Velda (5th), Late Season. 20 ran. NR: Choctaw. 1½l, ¾l, ½l, 10l, 1½l, J Jefferson at Malton. Tote: £83.90; £12.40, £1.70, £7.50. DF: £130.10. CSF: £147.20. 2min 25.29sec.

Placepot: Not won. (Pool of £4,109.10 carried forward to Doncaster today)

Taunton

Going: heavy

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, WHAT'S A GUINEA (N Coleman, 16-1); 2, Leading Role (P Scudamore, 7-4 fav); 3, Nuns Royal (M Jones, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Wise Times (5th), 7 Tabareak, Up The Ladder (4th), 16 Connemara Dawn (6th). 7 ran. NR: Good Cause, Mezalun. 1½l, 10l, 1l, 7l, ¾l. R J Holder at Bristol. Tote: £15.20; £4.30, £1.90. DF: £18.80. CSF: £42.68. Tricast: £302.41. After a stewards' inquiry, the placings of Leading Role (who finished first) and What's A Guinea (Second)were reversed.

2.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, HARRISON (P Scudamore, 10-11 fav); 2, On Her Toes (J Frost, 11-4); 3, Thats Nice (R Boucher, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Miss Lawsuit (4th), 6 Cool Operator (pu), 20 Manamere, 33 Saxon Don (6th), Tudor Larkabout, 50 Breakfast Time, Revanora, Mehlis (5th). 11 ran. NR: Silver Ancona. 6l, ¾l, 2½l, 4l, 5l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.20, £3.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: 4.32. Winner bought in for 2,100gns.

3.15 (3m ch) 1, HIGH BLEND (B Powell, 20-1); 2, Royal Harbour (D Gallagher, 7-1); 3, Flamenco Dancer (A Charlton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8-4 fav Dr Pepper (4th), 4 Scale Model (f), 12 Monica (pu), 14 Golden Knoll (5th), 25 Barryville, Notre Chenel (pu), 33 Glen George, Donaghmoyne (pu). Denston (6th) 12 ran. 2½l, 20l, 12l, 30l, 4l. P Bailey at Salisbury. Tote: £10.60; £1.90, £2.70, £3.40. DF: £37.90. CSF: £134.17. Tricast: £2,080.62.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, CAPELI CONE (R Bellamy, 9-1); 2, Bletsachhornbuit (I Snoemark, 4-1); 3, Royal Battery (N Hawke, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Strong Gold (4th), 6 Gay Crisette, 8 Wonder Bee (6th), 16 Kellann (5th), 50 Scottish Warrior, You Turn Okay (pu), Alice Bright, Precious Model (pu). 11 ran. NR: Hollworthy. sh hd, 5l, 2l, 15l, 5l. Mrs H Parrott at Coombe Hill. Tote: £15.00; £2.90, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £24.80. CSF: £42.44.

4.15 (2m 150yd ch) 1, MOUNTAIN MEAR (J Frost, 50-1); 2, Hypnosis (G Bradley, 11-8 fav); 3, Quickstep (P Scudamore, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dark Heritage, 8 Handy Lane (6th), 9 Polar Glen (5th), 20 Grey Tornado (4th), 33 Nearly Medina, 50 Yank Commander, Wimbleball, Lucky Gold (pu). 11 ran. NR: Wrong Righted. 1½l, 10l, 8l, 2l, 15l. K Bishop at Bridgwater. Tote: £35.50; £4.40, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £114.00. CSF: £108.16.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, SMITHY BEAR (W Humphreys, 25-1); 2, Guyrayson (P Scudamore, 3-1 fav); 3, Fill The Jug (G Knight, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Brown Rose, 5 Tight Turn, 9 Lizzy Longstocking (6th), 10 K O Island (pu), Mizma Spring, 12 Fandango Boy (5th), Redgrave Girl (4th), 20 Shout, 11 ran. NR: Ayres Rock. 12l, 1l, 2l, 3l. R Dickin at Newent. Tote: £18.00; £1.40, £3.40, £5.10. DF: £58.90. CSF: £93.04. Tricast: £3,439.44. Placepot: £185.20

Blinkered first time

There are no horses wearing blinkers for the first time today.

FENCING

Foil's full complement

A full women's foil team will compete at the Seoul Olympics, following the announcement that two more competitors have qualified after last month's World Cup at Turin (Leslie Drennan writes).

These two, Fiona McIntosh, aged 27, and Linda Strachan, aged 26, will have the opportunity to show their prowess at this weekend's international event in London, the De Beaumont Cup. Strachan has made the greatest improvement of the women's squad in the last two years, according to Ziemek Wojciechowski, the Olympic foil coach, while McIntosh, who has a 1986 World Cup final under her belt, has been relatively static.

One worrying aspect for the team concerns Liz Thurley whose tennis elbow prevents her competing at the De Beaumont.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Third division
Doncaster v Bristol R
Southend v Chesterfield (7.45)
Wigan v Blackpool

Fourth division
Colchester v Cambridge
Tranmere v Carlisle

RUGBY UNION

TOURNAMENTS: Diners Club/Rosslyn Park National schools' seven-a-sides; Preston Grasshoppers international schools' 15-a-side festival.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Murrayfield Racers v Dundee Rockets (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Sunningdale foursomes.

SKIING: British speed skiing championships (at Glenshee).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship: Preliminary rounds (at Preston).

SPEEDWAY: Powderhall sprint (at Edinburgh, 7.15); National League: Hackney v Glasgow; Challenge: Peterborough v Middenhall.

SPORT ON TV

ICE SKATING: BBC 9.45 p.m. C4 5 p.m. ITV 11.35 p.m.: World figure championships: Men's free programme and women's short programme from Budapest (see also Sport on Friday).

RACING: C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.10 races from Doncaster.

SHOOTING: ITV 12.30 a.m. (tomorrow): Charity competition at Gleneagles Hotel.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2.20 p.m.: World figure championships: Men's free programme and women's short programme from Budapest.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull prefer League survival

By Keith Macklin

Tony Dean did not appear to have his tongue in his cheek when he said last Sunday: "It would be nice to win on Saturday, but avoiding relegation is more important at the end of the day." Dean, along with Keith Hepworth, is the caretaker coach of Hull, and the match he was referring to was no less than the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Halifax at Headingley tomorrow.

If they win – and the odds have shortened considerably in the last fortnight – Hull will go to Wembley and pick up a share of a £1 million gate, a bonanza that could prove a lifeline for a club struggling against the threat of bankruptcy.

Yet Dean, a former drop-goal expert in his playing days as a half back, appeared serious. Hull are in danger of dropping into the second division, and all the glory of Wembley would not wipe out the nasty taste in the mouths of disillusioned Hull supporters, particularly if the end result in the cup final proves to be yet another defeat.

Dean and Hepworth were pitched into the hot seats two weeks ago when Len Casey, the Hull coach, announced his surprise retirement because of alleged lack of support from directors.

The announcement came on the eve of the first cup semi-final, in which Wigan won the right to go to another Wembley final by beating Salford 34-4.

Dean and Hepworth got the caretaker positions despite wild suggestions that Hull might fly over a top-grade coach from Australia or New Zealand. They set about restoring the morale of players dismissed as also-rans by television, radio, newspapers and particularly by their own supporters. The results have been dramatic, with victories in the league over Halifax, tomorrow's opponents, and, in a remarkable last-second finish at the Boulevard last Sunday, against Wigan.

After this remarkable upset, the Hull dressing-room and boardroom buzzed with excitement and enthusiasm of a kind not seen at the Boulevard since the trophy-winning days of the early 1980s. Suddenly Hull believe in themselves, and believe that victory is possible at Headingley tomorrow.

Yet Dean remains adamant that the club's priority must be avoiding relegation, with the threat of further decline in interest and attendances at the ground which once boasted the highest gates in the league. Not many years ago, 18,000 would pour through the Boulevard turnstiles. Last Sunday, even for the visit of Wigan the attendance was just under 7,000.

Nevertheless, as the Hull backroom staff worked like beavers this week selling tickets and answering inquiries from members of the public who have suddenly become aware again of Humberside Rugby League, Dean's cautionary words found few echoes. Hull, who have never won the cup at Wembley, stand on the brink of a visit nobody dreamed was possible. They are going all-out for success, and have gambled in flying over the Australian half back, Scott Gale, to play at centre tomorrow. They are also giving the players the treat of an overnight stay in Harrogate tonight.

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DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.35 The Yomper.	2.35 Chlorophyll.
3.05 Foot Patrol.	3.05 *Barbara Radziwill.*
3.35 Sun Street.	3.35 SUN STREET (nap).
4.10 Profit A Prendre.	4.10 Spitzabit.
4.45 Tenderline.	4.45 —
5.15 Red Dollar.	5.15 Validate.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.05 Foot Patrol.

Going: soft **Draw: high numbers *may have an advantage***

2.35 HAYWARDS PICKLE HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,488: 2m 2f 50yd) (28 runners) C 4

1	(6)	14300U-	*VAGUE MELODY 174 (D,F,G)* (Carlton Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 8-11-7	Jennie Goulding	97
2	(4)	221000-	FRANGNITO 97J (F) (R Cornwell) G Balding 5-11-0	J Cornwell (5)	92
4	(1)	432301-	BEAN BOY 157 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Easterby) M H Easterby 10-10-11	Sarah Easterby (5)	92
5	(26)	101044-	PHARAOH BLUE 20J (D,F,G) (Newmarket Plc) P Haslam 4-10-11	Julia Feilden (5)	95
6	(11)	020210-	BEAU BENZ 198 (G) (Gymcrack Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-10-6	Lalla Easterby (5)	96
7	(14)	000400/	*WILDALE 90J (P Williams)* A Potts 6-10-4	Rachel Judge (5)	—
8	(27)	44000/0-	PAS DE REGRETS 279 (M Peters) D Arbuthnot 5-10-3	Di Arbuthnot	—
9	(13)	111000-	COURT TOWN 174 (C,F,G) (H Hopgood) R Hannon 5-10-2	Elizabeth Gandolfo (5)	97
10	(28)	000340-	CONVINCING 84J (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 4-10-0	Teresa Spearing (5)	94
11	(18)	003040-	REGALCROFT 156 (I Purchase) D Haydn Jones 4-10-0	Pip Jones (5)	95
12	(25)	000/	HINTON ROSE 15J (M Soames) M Ryan 4-9-13	J Ryan	—
13	(7)	000002/	GUN-CARRIAGE 97J (A W Jones) A W Jones 8-9-12	Diana Jones	—
14	(5)	000302-	CHLOROPHYLL 140 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 5-9-11	Jane Armytage (5)	91
15	(2)	004200-	ARGES 121J (F) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 7-9-11	Nadine Jester	94
16	(19)	002/220-	GENOTIN 156 (BF) (Mrs E Mellor) B Mellor 5-9-10	Linda Mellor (5)	95
17	(9)	003000-	CABALLINE 22J (P Lancaster) M Haynes 4-9-7	Yvonne Haynes	90
18	(3)	000-	THORLI 340 (Mrs D McKinley) C Horgan 5-9-7	Carolyn Eddery	—
19	(10)	24000/1-	MEZIARA 9J (V,CD,F,G,S) (B Scott) D Tucker 7-9-6	Jane Southall (5)	90
20	(15)	0400/0-	GODDUNOV 34J (Miss D Sanderson) W Storey 5-9-5	Stella Storey (5)	—
21	(17)	203004/	*THE YOMPER 21J (I Adair) R Curtis 5-8-5*		—
23	(16)	043000-	SOCKS UP 226 (D,F,G,S) (R Houghton) R Houghton 11-9-2	Gale Johnson Houghton	94
24	(12)	00/0020-	JOSEPH'S COAT 202J (P Manners) M Chapman 7-9-2	Sharon Musgrotroyd	90
25	(24)	220/040-	DENALTO 16J (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 5-9-1	Alison Dun (5)	● 89
26	(21)	000004-	HEAVENLY CAROL 140 (S) (K Cundell) P Cundell 5-9-0	Lorraine Newbury (5)	86
27	(23)	0/00000-	*HOPTONS CHANCE 140 (R Churm)* J Norton 6-9-0	Tracey Dillon (5)	—
28	(8)	000000/	SHERPAMAN 13J (G Kelly) G Kelly 8-9-0	J Hutton (5)	—
29	(20)	000000-	SHARK FIGHTER 240 (G,S) (Miss S Dick) R Bastiman 5-9-0	Sharon Dick (5)	—
30	(22)	000/000-	MISTER PETARD 30J (G Kelly) G Kelly 5-9-0	Anthea Farrell	—

Long handicaps: *Heavenly Carol 8-10, Hoptons Choice 8-9, Sherpaman 8-7, Mister Petard 7-3.*

BETTING: 5-1 Denalto, 11-2 Vague Melody, 6-1 Bean Boy, Meziara, 8-1 Pharaoh Blue, The Yomper, 10-1 Court Town, Regal Croft, 12-1 others.

1987: MEZIARA 6-9-2 Miss J Southall (33-1) D Tucker 27 ran

FORM **VAGUE MELODY** (9-10) *ran to form when 5½l 6th to Reno Ralph (8-12) at* Yarmouth (1m 3f 110y, £2070, good to firm, Sept 16, 14 ran).

FRANGNITO (8-4) at best when 4l 5th to Albert Hall (9-4) at Chester (1m 4f 65y, £3707, good, July 10, 7 ran).

BEAN BOY (7-7) beat Pokey's Pride (8-7) a short head at York (1m 6f, £4628, heavy, Oct 10, 7 ran).

CHLOROPHYLL (8-02) ran well to finish 1l 2nd to *Proud Crest (9-1) at* Doncaster (1m 6f 127y, £2893, good, Nov 6, 17 ran).

MEZIARA (9-7) won equivalent race last year on only start beating Joli Wasfi (10-1) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50y, App Hcap, £2597, soft, March 27, 27 ran).

JOSEPH'S COAT (9-2) at best when ½l 2nd to Love You Rosy (9-5) at Doncaster (1m 4f, App Hcap, £2515, soft, Jun 26, 6 ran).

Selection: VAGUE MELODY

3.5 LEGER WAY HANDICAP (£3,010: 1m round) (25 runners) C 4

2	(24)	0/00100-	COUNT TREVISIO 143 (S) (B Keay) P Howling 4-9-10	A Clark	94
4	(9)	333100-	*PHILOTAS 97J (G)* (Lord Lambton) Denys Smith 4-9-9	M Fry	89
5	(15)	044000-	SONG N' JEST 16J (R Mason) M W Easterby 4-9-7	D Nicholls	95
6	(22)	0000/4-	MILAN FAIR 192 (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-6	W Carson	98
9	(23)	340/00-0	GURTEEN BOY 38 (D,F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 6-9-5	L Jones (5)	—
10	(13)	000000-	JOKIST 140 (F,G,S) (J Virgo) P Cundell 5-9-4	R Street	—
11	(14)	100000/	CONMAYJO 28J (S) (J Gibbs) D Haydn Jones 7-9-4	Pat Eddery	—
12	(21)	400330-	BARBARA RADZIWILL 184 (C St George) P Kelleway 4-9-3	S Cauthen	97
13	(17)	200/4330-	AIR COMMAND 342 (C,BF,G,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 8-9-3	J Carroll (5)	97
14	(18)	333/300-	PARKLANDS BELLE 144 (G) (D Hatch) M Haynes 4-9-3	P Cook	94
16	(1)	003000-	PRINCE MERANDI 34J (D,G,S) (Merandi Bloodstock Ltd) M Francis 5-9-0	J Reid	97
17	(2)	034000-	LYRICAL LOVER 20J (V) (R Miquel) R Holder 4-8-13	W R Swinburn	95
18	(11)	04420/	GOLD TOUCH 655 (E Benfield) P Makin 5-8-13	T Quinn	—
19	(20)	142000-	FOOT PATROL 20J (D,F,G) (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 7-8-12	Kim Tinkler	95
20	(10)	0/01044-	NAP MAJESTICA 111J (CD,F) (W Fouracres) *Mrs N Macauley 5-8-11. B Lynch (5)*		95
21	(25)	223000-	CONCERT PITCH 132J (CD,F,G,S) (E Egan) B Palling 9-8-11	T Williams	● 99
22	(19)	443011-	OPTIMISM FLAMED 150 (D,G,S) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-10	W Newnes	97
23	(3)	000010-	MIAMI BAY 207 (G) (R Wellock) M Brittain 4-8-9	M Wigham	92
25	(8)	412220-	TRY SCORER 170 (D,F,S) (H Thompson) Denys Smith 5-8-7	P Hill	96
26	(12)	313004-	GOLDEN BEAU 165 (D,F,G,S) (J Mottram) M Naughton 5-8-7	A Culhane (5)	97
27	(5)	012203-	JOHNNY SHARP 36J (D,F) (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 4-8-6	G Bardwell (5)	93
30	(4)	04/0000-	WASNI 184 (M Shaw) R Bastiman 5-8-3	D McKeown	—
31	(7)	003000-	SYLVAN ORIENT 186J (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-2	C Rutter	95
32	(6)	000000-	QUALITAIR FLYER 118J (D,F,S) (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) *K Stone 5-8-2 .. G Carter*		93
33	(16)	003200/	PARVENO 1106J (B,G) (A Wade) B Wise 7-8-2	N Adams	—

BETTING: 9-2 Parklands Belle, 5-1 Barbara Radziwill, 6-1 Sylvan Orient, 8-1 Air Command, Try Scorer, 10-1 Foot Patrol, Milan Fair, Nap Majestica, Optimism Flamed, 12-1 others.

1987: SHEER NECTAR 4-8-13 J Williams (11-1) G Balding 25 ran

FORM **AIR COMMAND** (9-10) best judged on 1½l 3rd to Palmion (9-0) at Catterick (7f, £916, soft, Apr 8, 17 ran).

NAP MAJESTICA (8-7) 5l 4th to Fountaincourt (8-3) at Redcar (1m 2f, £2068, firm, Jul 7, 6 ran).

OPTIMISM FLAMED (8-4) beat Miss Emily (8-12) 3l at Nottingham (1m 50yd, £1783, soft, Oct 27, 17 ran).

TRY SCORER (7-7) best judged on 1½l 2nd to Antinous at Ayr with PRINCE MERANDI (8-1) a short head 3rd (1m, £4403, good to soft, Sep 16, 11 ran).

GOLDEN BEAU (9-4) 1¼l 4th to Cheerful Times (9-4) at Pontefract (1m, £2144, good to soft, Oct 12, 15 ran).

QUALITAIR FLYER (8-4) best judged on 2½l 4th to Granny's Bank (8-8) at Doncaster with GURTEEN BOY (8-3) and CONMAYJO (8-5) unplaced (1m, £6609, good, Nov 6, 20 ran).

Selection: OPTIMISM FLAMED

3.35 DONCASTER TOWN PLATE HANDICAP (£8,272: 2m 2f) (15 runners) C 4

1	(2)	10100/0-	BRUNICO 8J (C,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 6-10-0	M Gallagher (7)	—
2	(12)	2/43216-	DRAGON'S BLOOD 8J (G) (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 4-8-12	W Ryan	93
3	(13)	22/0010-	PEARL RUN 17J (D,G,S) (R Squires) G Price 7-8-9	J Williams	90
4	(7)	112100-	AREA CODE 166 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 4-8-9	Dana Mellor (5)	97
5	(6)	1004/10-	STERNE 21J (F,S) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 6-8-7	M Wigham	88
6	(15)	021110-	SUN STREET 160 (D,F,G,S) (J Ward Hill) C Brittain 6-8-1	M Roberts	● 99
9	(5)	1/12430-	SIR CRUSTY 8J (F,S) (M Ash) R Holder 6-7-12	S Dawson	95
10	(8)	402220-	AL SHAMKH 56J (F) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 5-7-12	L Charnock	94
11	(1)	0/00301-	LEPRECHAUN LADY 258 (F,G,S) (G Corbett) S Norton 6-7-7	J Lowe	91
12	(9)	40004/2-	BLUFF COVE 10J (BF) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-7-7	G Hind (7)	90
13	(4)	301024-	SKEVENA 37J (B,S) (W Mullins) D Elsworth 5-7-7	T Williams	90
16	(14)	0212/02-	TUGBOAT 245 (F,S) (Mrs G Evernett) P Makin 9-7-7	L Riggio	84
17	(3)	400104-	VISUAL IDENTITY 27J (F) (I T S Ltd) Mess A King 6-7-7	Dale Gibson (7)	82
18	(11)	301004-	SUAVEZ MOI 6J (F) (J Eddis) C Allen 4-7-7	G Bardwell (5)	84
21	(10)	04/1000-	ISHKHARA 55J (BF,S) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 6-7-7	S Wood (7)	80

Long handicaps: *Leprechaun Lady 7-6, Bluff Cove 7-5, Skevena 7-4 Tugboat 6-13, Visual Identity 6-11, Suavez Moi 6-10, Ishkhara 5-12.*

BETTING: 9-2 *Sun Street, 11-2 Dragons Blood, 6-1 Brunico, Sir Crusty, Sterne, 8-1 Area Code, Pearl* Run, Skevena, 10-1 others.

1987: IBN MAJED 5-7-7 A Proud (7-1) C Spares 18 ran

FORM **BRUNICO** (8-11) best judged on 6l 6th to *Longboat (8-11) at Sandown in* 1986 (2m, £18675, good, May 26, 10 ran).

AREA CODE (7-12) best judged on 1½l beating of Kayudee (8-0) at Ayr (2m 1f 90yd, £4169, good to soft, Sep 16, 11 ran).

STERNE (9-10) seen to best effect on penultimate start when beating Rufcha (7-11) 1½l at Folkestone (1m 7f 100yd, £1302, heavy, Apr 6, 11 ran).

SUN STREET (8-1) beat Chucklestone (8-5) 4l on *penultimate start (2m 1f, £4591, firm, Sep 14, 8 ran).*

LEPRECHAUN LADY (8-8) beat Janus (8-12) 3l at Chester (2m 2f 97yd, £4355, good, Jul 11, 5 ran).

BLUFF COVE (9-9) 4l 2nd to Mandalay Prince (8-4) at Beverley (2m, £1490, good to firm, Apr 24, 18 ran).

Selection: SUN STREET

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – stepped up. R – refused. O – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J – jumps. F – flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 WILL SCOTT HANDICAP (£2,747: 5f) (16 runners) C 4

1	(16)	400300-	FOURWALK 153 (CD,F,S) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-0	P Cook	94
2	(3)	3000/23-	*BRIDGE STREET LADY 340 (D,F,S) (M Sitkins)* J Bosley 7-9-10	Pat Eddery	82
3	(12)	2/21000-	BLUEMEDE 318 (CD,G,S) (P Armstrong) M Brittain 4-9-9	M Wigham	95
4	(13)	134000-	JONDEBE BOY 286 (S) (J Burgess) G Moore 4-9-6	C Coates	87
7	(9)	030021-	JOVEWORTH 288 (G,S) (D Cooper) J Glover 5-8-11	S Williams (7)	85
8	(5)	0120002-	PROSPECT PLACE 150 (S) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 4-8-8	D Nicholls	● 99
9	(14)	0002300-	SPITZABIT 148 (G) (Mrs C Rees) *Pat Mitchell 4-8-7*	R Cochrane	97
10	(15)	200/000-	SINCLAIR LADY 256 (D,F) (Sinclair Ltd) R R Hollinshead 4-8-5	A Culhane (5)	—
11	(7)	040411-	PROFIT A PRENDRE 144 (D,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 4-8-4	W Newnes	97
12	(4)	02323/0-	HANSOM LAD 182 (Mrs V Haigh) W Haigh 5-8-3	Paul Eddery	—
13	(2)	010300-	DANCING BELLE 196 (D,F,G) (C Newton Ltd) T Fairhurst 4-8-0	NON–RUNNER	—
14	(11)	020040-	ROKER ROAR 184 (Mrs S Murray) M H Easterby 4-8-0	J Lowe	97
15	(10)	0043000-	NO BEATING HARTS 139 (D,F,S) (V Taylor) M McCormack 5-8-0	T Quinn	92
16	(8)	000000-	PERGODA 149 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Fletcher) S Kettlewell 10-7-7	D D'Arcy (7)	—
18	(5)	200310-	PINEAPPLE'S PRIDE 148 (D,BF,S) (Pineapple Co) J Berry 4-7-7	Dana Mellor (5)	94
19	(1)	000000-	STEPHEN'S SONG 185 (D,S) (A Baker) P Haslam 5-7-7	T Williams	92

Long handicaps: Pineapple's Pride 7-4, Stephen's Song 7-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Bridge Street Lady, 6-1 Fourwalk, Roker Roar, 7-1 Profit A Prendre, Spitzabit, 8-1 Hanson Lad, Joveworth, No Beating Harts, 10-1 others.

1987: RACE ABANDONED – HIGH WINDS

FORM **FOURWALK** (8-9) at best when 1¾l 3rd to Moorestyle Girl (8-06) at Newbury (5f, £4448, good, Sept 18, 9 ran).

BRIDGE STREET LADY (9-9) good 4½l 3rd to Perion (9-11) at Kempton with BLUEMEDE (8-11) a further 1¾l away in 5th (5f, £2515, good, April 20, 9 ran).

Subsequently BLUEMEDE (9-10) at best when 3½l 5th to Beg O'Rhythm (8-12) at Wolverhampton (5f, £2721, firm, April 27, 8 ran).

JONDEBE BOY (7-7) finished 7l 6th to Dowsing (7-10) at York with Sinclair Lady (7-7) out of first 9 (5f, £23115, good to soft, June 13, 15 ran).

PROFIT A PRENDRE won last two starts culminating in (7-10) 1¾l victory over Greenhill Jazz Time (8-4) at Lingfield (5f, £3040, good to soft, Nov 2, 20 ran).

Selection: JONDEBE BOY

4.45 SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,070: 5f) (15 runners)

3	(2)		NORTHERN RAIN (A Anastasiou) C Tinkler 9-0	G Bardwell (5)	—
4	(6)		SELFSELFSELF (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 9-0	M Birch	—
5	(9)		SING JAZZ (T Barron) T Barron 9-0	D Nicholls	—
6	(8)		ANNOTHER SIGWELLS (E Goody) W G M Turner 8-9	W Newnes	—
7	(5)		BELLHOPPER (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 8-9	T Williams	—
8	(13)		DOUBTFIRE (Hyde Sporting Promotions Ltd) R Whitaker 8-9	D McKeown	—
9	(10)		KALAURA (H Renwick) A Smith 8-9	S Webster	—
11	(1)		*MANSICK (M McCormack) M McCormack 8-9*	S Horsfall (5)	—
12	(7)		NATIONS LADY (Nation Wide Racing Co Ltd) R Stubbs 8-9		—
13	(4)		PAILIN (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 8-9	S Whitworth	—
14	(12)		POLAR ROSE (J Hunt) Ronald Thompson 8-8	R P Elliott	—
15	(11)		SAI KUNG (Mrs R Tang) N Tinkler 8-9	Kim Tinkler	—
17	(15)		STAR COVER (C Wargle) R Hollinshead 8-9	A Culhane (5)	—
18	(3)		TENDERLINE (M Brittain) *M Brittain 8-9*	M Wigham	—
19	(14)		WASN'T ME (J Berry) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll (5)	—

BETTING: 100-30 Wasn't Me, 4-1 Tenderline, 6-1 Doubtfire, Mansick, Polar Rose, Sai Kung, *8-1 Selfselfself, Sing Jazz, 10-1 others.*

1987: RACE ABANDONED – HIGH WINDS

ANNOTHER SIGWELLS (foaled Feb 20) has the earliest foaling date in the field.

DOUBTFIRE is by Scottish Derby winner Jaimood.

MANSICK (foaled Apr 10) by prolific sire of speedy two-year-olds Mansingh.

NATIONS LADY (foaled Mar 29) is out of a Ahonoora mare.

POLAR ROSE (foaled Mar 19) cost 4500gns and is by Gimcrack winner Stanford.

TENDERLINE (foaled Apr 8) is by Prince Tenderfoot.

Selection: MANSICK

5.15 FRENCH GATE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m str) (17 runners)

1	(17)	0-	ALKINOR REX 175 (M Peraticos) M Francis 9-0	C Rutter	—
3	(12)	00-	BIDDERS LAD 153 (G A Forndon Eng Co Ltd) R Whitaker 9-0	K Bradshaw (5)	—
4	(4)	20-	CLIFTON CHAPEL 174 (C Cyzer) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	● 99
6	(3)	00000-	ESPRIT DE FEU 186 (Free Foresters Haulage Ltd) M McCormack 9-0	S Horsfall (5)	71
7	(13)		FIRST FORUM (The Forum Ltd) D Hanley 9-0	T Quinn	—
8	(10)	000-	GOLDEN PETINGO 296 (T Wong) M Brittain 9-0	M Wigham	—
9	(5)	000-	GOLD WALK 171 (Miss S Easterby) M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley	—
10	(16)	00-	JACKSON BLUE 150 (Jackson Construction Co Ltd) J Balding 9-0	N Day	—
11	(8)	0-	JOHN'S REEF 227 (John Mills Ltd) M Brittain 9-0	A Bacon (7)	—
12	(10)		MOODY MAN (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
13	(7)	300002-	RED DOLLAR 170 (Brian Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0	J Reid	88
14	(15)	000-	REED 155 (Mrs H Clarke) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	77
16	(14)	00-	*TARKOVSKY 140 (C St George)* M W Easterby 9-0	K Darley	—
17	(9)		UNCLE ERNIE (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	S Buckton	—
18	(2)	23-	VALIDATE 230 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0	S Cauthen	94
20	(11)	00000-	CRACKLE MOOR 154 (D Travers-Clark) M W Easterby 8-11	D Nicholls	—
22	(6)	02300-	PERSIAN JOY 163 (Havenswood Con's Ltd) K Stone 8-11	G Brown	—

BETTING: 7-4 Clifton Chapel, 2-1 Validate, 6-1 Red Dollar, 8-1 Alkinor Rex, 12-1 Persian Joy, 14-1 Golden Petingo, Reed, 16-1 others.

1987: RACE ABANDONED – HIGH WINDS

FORM **CLIFTON CHAPEL** (8-11) 7¾l 6th of 9 to Blushing John (8-11) in a Group III event at Longchamp (1m 1f, £20809, good to firm, Oct 3).

GOLD WALK (9-0) 5¾l 6th to Cumbrian Waltzer (9-0) at Newcastle on penultimate start (5f, £2441, good, Apr 20, 10 ran).

RED DOLLAR (9-0) a short head 2nd to Castle Clown (9-0) in a Salisbury maiden (7f, £1194, heavy, Oct 7, 14 ran) with REED (9-0) outpaced.

REED (9-0) showed best form on Ascot debut (6f, £7178, good, Sep 24, 6 ran) when 17l 6th to Harp Islet (9-0).

VALIDATE (9-0) 2¼l 3rd to Heroes Sash (9-0) at Newmarket in August (6f, £3444, good, 9 ran).

Selection: CLIFTON CHAPEL

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
N Tinkler	7	33	21.2
S Norton	4	26	15.4
J Berry	3	20	15.0
M H Easterby	7	47	14.9
K Stone	4	39	10.3
G Moore	3	30	10.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	24	127	18.9
W R Swinburn	8	35	17.1
N Day	3	18	16.7
Pat Eddery	11	69	15.9
W Carson	15	100	15.0
Kim Tinkler	4	28	14.3

(Not including yesterdays results)

Charter Party has top weight

Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Charter Party and Kildimo, who finished seventh, share top weight of 12 stone in a high-class entry for the £100,000 Jameson Irish Grand National, to be run at *Fairyhouse on April 16.*

Last year's Gold Cup winner, The Thinker, has been allotted 11st 11lb while Rhyme 'N' Reason, the 1986 Irish National winner, has 11st 4lb. Another Cheltenham winner, Aquilifer, looks well in with 10 stone.

John Edwards's improving handicapper, Yahoo, fifth in the Gold Cup, is on the 10st 9lb mark, 3lb less than stable companion Kissane, who had to miss the Sun Alliance Chase.

A third Edwards-trained horse, Bob Tisdall, runner-up to The West Awake in the Sun Alliance, has been given 10st 4lb, just 2lb more than Mount Parson, who fell in the lead four out in the same event.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Seagram Grand National Handicap Chase, Liverpool: Burrough Hill Lad, Stearsby, By The Way, Bolands Cross, Seagram, Rambler, Gold Agent, Glanvue, Sommelier, Greenbank Park, Brown Trix, Mighty Mark, Moe Greene, General Joy, Co Member, Wheels, Court Go Leor, Poplar Square, Another Flame, Count Earl, Roll-a-Joint, Ladbroke European Free Handicap, Newmarket: Zelphi, Rahy, Glenlivet Anniversary Hurdle, Liverpool: Eskimo Mate, Laitpour, Smoggy Spray, Unpaid Member, Quick Riposte, Go West, Star Season, Princeable Lady, Special, Sandeensan Aintree Hurdle, Liverpool: Away We Go, Castlevennon, William Hill Scottish Grand National, Ayr: Court Go Leor. All engagements (dead): Forgive 'N Forget, Lisboney Hill, Blandford Guest, Paroquet, Mossies Friend, Summerhall Streak, Water Musick, Robin's Tango, Book Of Kells, Music Express.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 KODIAK ISLAND (nap).	3.30 Border Burg.
2.30 Experimenting.	4.00 Vulgan Warrior.
3.00 Pegwell Bay.	4.30 Oryx Minor.

By Michael Seely

3.30 BORDER BURG (nap). 4.30 Vulgan Warrior.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 YIRAGAN.

Going: soft, heavy back straight (hurdles); good to soft, soft back straight (chase)

2.0 ALVESCOT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,026: 2m 4f 120yd) (21 runners)

102		003000-	CAN'T DISCLOSE 504 (V) (Mrs J Fountain) S Dow 7-11-9	R Guest	—
103		0000	CELTIC TRUST 15 (S) (R Murray) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-9	D Browne	78
105		200/20-P	COURT APPEAL 34 (A Souch) A Souch 6-11-9	M Bowlby	—
107		0-00PP	FAIR DANIEL 18 (B) (J Duggan) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-9	M Pitman	89
108		2	FLYING GOD 9 (Miss S Jerrard) F Hollis 8-11-9	G Mernagh	—
109		000	FOXCOPSE 28 (Mrs M Thomlinson) J Webber 5-11-9	M Ayliffe	—
112			HA'PENNY BRIDGE (M Bull) N Ayliffe 5-11-9	A Mulholland (7)	86
113		0	*HENRY MANN 28 (L Wilson) S Christian 5-11-9*	S Shilston	—
114		000-FPF	HIGH TRUST 21 (S) (M Jones) G Kindersley 8-11-9	H Davies	—
115		30F	HOLLIST 17 (S Sansbury) T Forster 5-11-9	S Sherwood	91
116		0-0220	KODIAK ISLAND 63 (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-9	G Bradley	90
119		04-00F	MALICHO 15 (Eastern Quarrel Ltd) G Balding 5-11-9	L Harvey	—
120			PETERFONA (B Dukes) *Mrs B Dukes 7-11-9*		72
124		00B3PP	PROUD SOLDIER 15 (P Tabor-Ponsonby) M Scudamore 5-11-9	L Harvey	—
127		0-00	ROYAL LYRIC 37 (Mrs M Wilk) T Forster 5-11-9	P Scudamore	86
131		11-0	THE HILL 90 (G) (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 6-11-9	K Mooney	85
134		0-3	TRUE LOOP 86 (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 6-11-9	B Powell	—
135		0	WALLY WREKIN 21 (Mrs C Dutton) J Edwards 5-11-9	P Nicholls	● 99
136		40-B02	YIRAGAN 17 (M Marsh) D Barons 6-11-9	Gee Armytage	86
137		00440	BELINDA VARD 31 (G Lansbury) R Armytage 6-11-4	R Goldstein	—
139		0	ERICA CINEREA 18 (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 5-11-4	Andrew Thornton	—

BETTING: 7-4 Kodiak Island, 3-1 Yiragan, 5-1 *True Loop*, 13-2 Malicho, 8-1 The Hill, 10-1 Flying God, 14-1 Belinda Vard, 16-1 others.

1987: BALLYHANE 6-11-9 R Rowe (15-8 fav) J Gifford 14 ran

2.30 BETTERTON CHASE (£3,366: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

202		00-3231	GOODMAN POINT 22 (D,G,S) (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 6-11-10	R Rowe	88
206		00-1111	EXPERIMENTING 37 (D,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 9-11-5	D Murphy	84
208		2-00	FOXBOROUGH LAD 18 (BF) (P Lamb) P Hobbs 9-11-5	Peter Hobbs	—
209		000/300	JEZAIL 20 (Lt Col E Harries) J Fox 8-11-5	B Powell	81
210		00-00F1	*KINGTOR 18 (S) (SPS Limited) D Barons 7-11-5*	P Nicholls	74
211		41-041P	LOLLY'S BOY 9 (S) (Sybil Lady Joseph) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-6	D Browne	● 99
212		B210/2	OXHEY COTTAGE 21 (S) (G Johnson) N Henderson 9-11-5	S Smith Eccles	84
213		3-00	PADDY BUCK 22 (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 8-11-5	H Davies	—
216		4-0P322	SEATELL 16 (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 5-11-5	Mr M Armytage	82
219		F3F432	SUNBEAM TALBOT 20 (D,G) (Mrs R Legouix) *R Armytage 7-11-5*	J Frost	95
222		0F4400	SPRING PHILTRE 13 (S) (P Watson) D Elsworth 6-11-1		70

BETTING: 11-4 Sunbeam Talbot, 7-2 Experimenting, 9-2 Oxhey Cottage, 11-2 Goodman Point, 7-1 Lolly's Boy, 12-1 Seatell, 14-1 Kingtor, 16-1 Foxborough Lad, 20-1 others.

1987: *REMAIND OF MEETING – ABANDONED HIGH WINDS*

3.0 DELBY SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,253: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

301		112F31	PEGWELL BAY 20 (CD,G) (Maj A Barlow) T Forster 7-11-10	H Davies	95
302		13131F	DAD'S GAMBLE 8 (CD,G,S) (R Gilder) J Gifford 7-11-6	R Rowe	87
304		3-F3301	LODDON LAD 20 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-10-11	R Dunwoody	● 99
305		40-PFP2	DUNKIRK 22 (D,S) (J Hartnett) M Francis 12-10-6	M Richards	95

BETTING: 6-4 Loddon Lad, 5-2 Pegwell Bay, 11-4 Dunkirk, 4-1 Dad's Gamble.

3.30 WOODHAY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,402: 3m 2f 82yd) (11 runners)

401		1101-61	BORDER BURG 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Delahooke) J Delahooke 11-12-3	S Sherwood	91
404		P/200P-P	KUMBI 11 (F,G,S) (D Lunt) D McCain 13-11-11	G Bradley	94
405		P31104	BLUE DART 17 (G,S) (H Padfield) T Forster 8-11-4	H Davies	91
407		230PUP	*GLENSIDE JERRY 13 (G,S) (M Jackson)* G Balding 9-11-0	R Guest	89
408		12F44-4	WHISKEY EYES 14 (C,BF,F,G,S) (H Pink) M Pipe 7-10-13	R Rowe	95
413		4FU3-4F	BALLYMULLISH 10 (G) (Mrs L Pinto) J Gifford 8-10-5	B Powell	88
414		3PP233	RONALDS CAROLE 24 (G,S) (Miss N Carroll

RUGBY UNION: SCOTLAND GIVE FLEDGLINGS A CHANCE TO PROVE THEMSELVES

One Zimbabwe tour takes shape but another is cancelled

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Scottish Rugby Union yesterday named nine full internationals in their party of 25 to tour Zimbabwe in May. At much the same time the Rugby Football Union scrapped plans for the Combined England Students to tour the same country next month after the withdrawal by the Zimbabwe Rugby Union of the invitation to play five games there.

It was always likely that the students would run into trouble because five members of their party of 26 toured in South Africa last year with the Felbridge Juniors. Concern was expressed in Zimbabwe rugby circles when the names of the playing party were forwarded to them, knowing that their own authorities would not permit the entry into the country of individuals with South African visas in their passports.

The tour was projected last autumn and it was in amicable circumstances, an RFU official said yesterday, that the invitation was withdrawn, with a resigned recognition of political realities and appreciating that no outside body could dictate to the RFU which personnel were acceptable.

No substitute tour will be organized at this late stage but the student selectors must sit down, shortly after next Tuesday's game against the Welsh Students in Bristol, to decide their squad for the World Student Cup in France in August, which remains a substantial lure for players who might otherwise be scattered in various parts of the world.

Dods, the Gala full back who has played 15 times for Scotland, will lead their party, which is a mixture of senior players and members of this season's B squad. Five players — Duncan, Hastings, Cramb, Cronin and Turnbull — appeared in this season's five nations' championship but the purpose of the tour is to examine further the potential of such promising youngsters as Stark, Chalmers and Armstrong, and to see how they react to representing their country abroad.

SCOTTISH TOURING PARTY: Full backs: P Dods (Gala, capt), I Ramsey (Melrose). Wings: M Duncan (West of Scotland); A Moore (Edinburgh Academicals), D Stark (Kilmarnock). Centres: S Hastings (Watsonians), R Maclean (Gloucester). Stand-off halves: C Chalmers (Melrose), R Cramb (Harlequins). D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP). Scrum halves: G Armstrong (Jed-Forest), G Oliver (Hawick). Props: D Butcher (Harlequins), G Graham (Stirling County), D Billne (Heriot's FP). Hookers: I Corcoran (Gala), J Hay (Hawick). Locks: D Cronin (Bath), C Gray (Nottingham), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals). Flankers: G Marshall (Wakefield), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP). D Turnbull (Hawick). No. 8s: S McGaughey (Hawick), H Parker (Kilmarnock).
ITINERARY: May: 14 v Mashonaland (Harare); 18 v Goshawks (Mutari); 21 v Zimbabwe (Bulawayo); 25 v Mashonaland Country Districts (Kadoma); 28 v Zimbabwe (Harare).

Closed affair

Dean Richards, the Leicester and England No. 8, will hear no more of the Calcutta Cup affair from his employer, the Leicestershire Constabulary. Michael Hirst, the Chief Constable, said yesterday that Richards had assured him there would be no further possibility of embarrassing the force in such a way and that the matter was no closed.

Time for board to listen to Kirk

By David Hands

The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) concludes its annual meeting in London today, having considered further the consequences of the inaugural World Cup last year and the accounts of that tournament which, up to now, have not been available for consideration by those member unions which took part.

Having ratified the appointment of Keith Rowlands as the first paid secretary to the board — he will step down after five years representing Wales on the board — I hope some consideration will have been given to formulating the 1991 World Cup; in particular the principle of where it is to be held.

The meeting in Agen in November agreed vaguely to the "northern hemisphere". There is a specific proposal from the Rugby Football Union before the board offering its services to run the next World Cup, with a final at Twickenham, in the belief that it should be played within the four home countries, though recognizing the claims of France as hosts, too. After all, they were the most successful of the northern hemisphere countries last summer.

It was agreed in Agen that discussion of any tour or match involving South Africa this or next year would be held over to this week, at which stage the political situation in the republic would also be taken into account. Two leading South African provinces, Northern Transvaal and Eastern Province, celebrate jubilees this year, as do the South African Universities, while next year is the centenary of the South African Rugby Board.

Under the present tours schedule, no British Lions side is due to visit South Africa until 1996, and no New Zealand party until 1992; but the tours' schedule is undergoing revision and Australia's offer made last year, to forgo their first full Lions tour next year in favour of South Africa, still stands.

The effects both of the World Cup and South Africa's forays into unofficial tour sides should be known today. There is to be a revision of the procedure by which unions undertake or receive tours and by which players receive clearance to play in another union.

In the light of the frequency of tours and the World Cup, the amateurism committee has made an urgent review of the regulations. In that respect they would be interested in the speech made by David Kirk, captain of New Zealand's World Cup winning side, to the Rugby Union Writers' Club earlier this year, in which he spoke of rugby at the top level "moving out of the hands of well-meaning ex-players and kindly administrators who can afford to give their time freely", and into the hands of "managers of men and resources; of planners and analysts, of sophisticated motivators. And on an administrative level into the hands of professional national, provincial, county and club secretaries".

Kirk also spoke of the advent of the "professional player: professional in all aspects of his approach, his diet, his training, his psychological preparation and his performance ... If people everywhere are educated to believe in a meritocratic way of life, how on earth can we expect the world's best rugby players not to feel confused and in some senses alientated by a rugby meritocracy that ignores the principal medium of reward the whole world recognizes — money."

The main thrust of Kirk's argument, though, has been misunderstood. He offers a choice: "One is to accept the seemingly inevitable flow of the social phenomena that deems it just and right to financially reward those people that generate money and objectively deserve a share of it. The other is to try and educate players and others of the overriding factors that ought to prevent the uncontrolled entry of money into the game.

"To tell them of good, rational reasons why the meritocracy of rugby must remain rewarded by the joy of participation, the personal fulfilment and the small degree of social status it provides. The latter course is difficult and becoming harder as players' perceptions of their value change. To stand in the way of an evolving social phenomenon is not easy, indeed it is probably not possible.

"But what is possible is to control it, to allow it to evolve in the way that is for the good of the greatest number, for the good of the game, and for all of those things that I can never put into words but make the game of rugby so special. And there is only one place to start. We must start to communicate. We must try to understand and listen to all points of view. And in listening, and understanding, to reach a concensus about how we manage the change that is inevitable."

Communication has never been the IRFB's forte, but it, too, is evolving. Perhaps the advent of its first full-time official is the time for an opening of doors.

BOXING: WOMAN JUDGE TO OFFICIATE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN BRITAIN



Close encounter: Lloyd Honeyghan (left) eyes up Jorge Vaca, whose world title he aims to take

Double first for Honeyghan

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan's world title bout with Jorge Vaca, of Mexico, on Tuesday could achieve a double first. For the first time in Britain a woman judge will be one of three officials scoring the contest and if Honeyghan wins he will be the first Briton to regain a world title.

Carol Castellano, of the United States, has officiated at 2,000 contests, 30 of them world title bouts. The latest was the bout between the cruiser weights, Carlos De Leon and José María Flores.

Her husband, Tony Castellano, is a senior referee and judge in the United States. He used to take her to boxing matches and found that she was an excellent judge of the contest and it was not long before she received a licence from the New York State Athletic Commission. Mrs Castellano arrives in London on Sunday.

The last time a woman judge was appointed for a bout in Britain was in 1985 when Colin Jones challenged Donald Curry in Birmingham, but she did not officiate because Jones's manager, Eddie Thomas, objected to having a woman judge. However, both Honeyghan and his manager Mickey Duff, have accepted the World Boxing Council's decision.

Mrs Castellano's presence will matter little to Honeyghan. His fighting talk yesterday confirmed that he was mentally and physically fit for his challenge. "I am in the best physical condition and we won't need any judges," he said. "I am not going to rely on judges. I am going to be 10 miles ahead."

Honeyghan said he was determined to make history. "I don't care if no British fighter has won his title back. There is no way he can beat me. The last time I didn't care if I won or lost; I didn't care if he hit me. This time I'm not going in there feeling sorry for myself. If someone like him can beat me, I'll pack it in. Man, I tell you, I'm going to beat this guy up. I'm not joking."

Duff claims his boxer is in "the best shape since he fought Johnny Bumphus". He has been working with three sparring partners, Curtis Hinnant, Sammy Floyd and Kenny Stiles, but had to send Hinnant home as he "could not take it". Hinnant, who is Mark Breland's sparring partner, was knocked out. "I'm not here for the season. I'm here for a reason," Honeyghan said.

Jim Jacobs, the co-manager of Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight champion, died in New York yesterday after a short illness. He was 58. Jacobs and his co-manager, Bill Cayton, took over the management of Tyson after the death of the boxer's legal guardian, Cus D'Amato, in 1985. Jacobs was one of America's leading boxing historians and remained an inspiration to Tyson, guiding him to the undisputed championship. Jacobs was also a former world handball champion.

Tate could prove a knockout

John Tate, once viewed as Muhammad Ali's heir apparent, arrived in London yesterday for his bout with Noel Quarless at the York Hall on March 30 (Jonathan Rendall writes).

Though Tate, aged 33 and now weighing 19st, won the WBA title in 1979, he will be remembered chiefly for two of the most chilling knockouts in heavyweight history: at the Montreal Olympics, when Teofilo Stevenson pole-axed him with one right hand; and in 1980, when Mike Weaver took his title with a single left hook.

"I'm ready to rumble," Tate said. "If you want we can fight today and get it over with." To this Quarless, himself notoriously china-chinned, replied: "But we wouldn't get paid for it." One can only concur that if one of these fragile spirits has to be broken in public, it should at least be paid for.

Chance to win trip to Monte Carlo

***The Times* today presents the opportunity to win a trip for two to one of the more exotic events in Rugby Union — the Glenlivet Monte Carlo Sevens.**

The tournament on May 8 will feature teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Italy and two invitation sides, one representing Monaco and the other parading as the Swiss Warblers. The competition last year was praised not only for its lavish environment but also for the quality of the sevens play, with the winners being a seven chosen by Albert Ferrasse, president of the French Rugby Federation.

The winner of our competition, with a companion, will fly from London to Nice and on to Monte Carlo on May 7, watch the sevens the following day, and return to London on May 9, with two nights' accommodation at a leading hotel, all meals, and a chance to mingle with the players.

To enter, study the five questions below, write the answers on the entry form, complete it with your name and address, and send it to:

Glenlivet Monte Carlo Sevens competition,
Sports Department,
***The Times*,**
1 Pennington Street,
London E1 9XN.

The winner will be the sender of the first correct entry drawn from all those received by the closing date. All entries must arrive by Tuesday, April 5.

THE QUESTIONS

1 Who captained the Australia Rugby Union team on its tour of South America last year?
2 Who will coach Australia against England this year?
3 Who won the inaugural Glenlivet Monte Carlo Sevens last year?
4 Which French international, who set a world points record in the World Cup, played for the President's VII at Monte Carlo last year?
5 Which club won the Scottish national championship for the first time this season?

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Postscript to laws that need revision

By Gerald Davies

With the season drawing to a close and the International Board having once more deliberated, this may seem an unpropitious time to squint an eye over the rules handbook. But after a tut-tutting letter prompted by my reference to the corner "flag" as opposed to the corner "post", it seemed worth another glance.

The point was made after Scott Hastings's early attempt to score for Scotland against Wales when the referee over-ruled the touch judge. Checking this fact again brought relief that the explanatory notes to the laws now follow on from the laws themselves — a modification introduced in 1984 — instead of having to rifle to the back of the book.

The reference also prompted the thought that the laws still need a few modifications if the fluency of the game is not to be obscured.

The scrum needs attention because in these islands, unlike New Zealand, the good intentions of the lawmakers are abused by the preponderance of destructive tactics to nullify it as a platform to bring the ball back into play.

The lineout needs major surgery. Consideration should be given whether there are too many details to cope with for both referee and player. Surely no single official can scrutinize them all effectively. The lawmakers have done well to clarify the tackle law, though it is still not played correctly here, but Clive Norling suggests, the words 'all players on the ground are out of the game' after the tackle needs adding.

But, for now, to the matter of the "post" and "flag", a small point, but the game depends on such attention to detail. They are not interchangeable: touching the "flag" or your way to a try is not an infringement, but touching the "post" is. In committing the latter offence, the player is adjudged to be touch in goal and a drop-out ensues. In the Hastings incident, the touch judge never raised his flag, so a try was in order. But the referee over-ruled the touch judge and called for a lineout.

The decision was a curiosity, just as the law, is idiosyncratic. Norling queries the need for corner posts at all. Why should something arbitrarily sticking up in the air deny a scoring chance?

A player in the in-goal area, for instance, with his body beyond the touch in goal line but his feet off the ground, can be awarded the try. There are other examples where a player can still play the ball even though his body is beyond the line of touch. The corner post, then, is an intrusion and unnecessary. It hinders the game and confuses the issue. A player should be in or out of play depending on where his feet are placed.

Norling also suggests that since advantage, for the most part, goes to the attacking side, why in this instance does advantage accrue to the defenders, who are additionally given the leeway of 22 metres for their drop out? Why should the law not ensure that a defending side's drop out take place from the goal-line instead? Thus the attacking side still has the advantage, as in Rugby League. Perhaps there lies the rub?

SKIING

Tomba looks the likely champion

From Iain Macleod, Saalbach, Austria

Martin Hangl, of Switzerland, yesterday recorded his first World Cup victory in the final men's super-giant slalom of the season, only to discover the harsh reality of life at the top. For even in victory, he was overshadowed by Pirmin Zurbriggen, whose fifth place proved sufficient for him to retain the title by one point, and Alberto Tomba, of Italy.

What was at stake here though, was more than just the super-giant slalom title; more important, there was the overall title. For Markus Wasmeier, of West Germany, started yesterday with a 10-point advantage in the event, that had even Zurbriggen conceding that the title was all but lost.

Wasmeier, though, could finish only eighteenth, and consequently lost out. Though Zurbriggen has, temporarily at least, retained the overall leadership, the margin of only two points suggests that he will be hard pushed to hold title.

RESULTS: Super-giant slalom: 1, M Hangl (Switz), 1min 24.43sec; 2, H Strolz (Austria), 1:24.96; 3, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:25.02; 4, H Enn (Austria), 1:25.27; 5, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:25.35; 6, L Stock (Austria), 1:25.46; 7, F Piccard (Fr), 1:25.90; 8, L Pesando (It), 1:25.92; equal 9, W Sugele (Austria) and A Tombe (It), 1:25.96; 11, L Alphand (Fr), 1:26.10; 12, L B Eriksson (Swe), 1:26.31; 13, A Wenzel (Lech), 1:26.33; 14, H Mayer (Austria), 1:26.35; equal 15, T Cizman (Yug) and G Mader (Austria), 1:26.36. Final super-giant slalom placings: 1, Zurbriggen, 58pts; 2, M Wasmeier (WG), 57; 3, Piccard, 54; 4, Girardelli, 38; 5, Strolz, 31; equal 6, Stock and Hangl, 30. Overall World Cup placings: 1, Zurbriggen, 283pts; 2, Tombe, 231; 3, Mader, 175; 4, Strolz, 163; 5, Wasmeier, 139; 6, Piccard, 123.

● Yesterday also saw the women's titles decided; Michela Figini, of Switzerland, winning both the overall and downhill titles after the race jury cancelled the final downhill race, postponed from Sunday.

FINAL PLACINGS: Downhill: 1, M Figini (Switz), 143pts; 2, B Oertli (Switz), 119; 3, M Walliser (Switz), 82; equal 4, K Percy (Can) and V Wallinger (Austria), 59; 6, C Wolf (Austria), 55. World Cup: 1, Figini, 244, 2, Oertli, 226; 3, A Wachter (Austria), 211; 4, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 190; 5, V Schneider (Switz), 185; 6, M Svet (Yug), 167.

ICE SKATING

Boitano enhances his reputation

From John Hennessy, Budapest

Brian Boitano, alone among the principal contenders, enhanced his reputation in yesterday's short programme. His performance, coupled with the withdrawal of the ailing overnight leader, Aleksandr Fadeyev, of the Soviet Union, carried the elegant American into the lead after the first elements.

He has a total of 2.2 points, compared with the 2.8 of Grzegorz Filipowski, of Poland, and the 3.8 of Brian Orser, of Canada. Boitano, the Olympic champion last month, and world champion two years ago, skated a flawless programme, highlighted by a triple axel in combination with the mandatory double loop.

Orser, the holder, and Filipowski also attempted a triple axel, but Orser touched down on the axel and made only a sketchy attempt at the loop. Filipowski made a better attempt, but still stumbled on the loop. Only Boitano, it seems, can now deprive Boitano of the title he surrendered to Orser last year.

Katarina Witt, between posing for countless cameras, won the compulsory figure section. The striking East German, holder of this title as well as the Olympic gold medal, won only one of the three figures compared with the two of Elizabeth Manley, but skating computation is an esoteric branch of mathematics, with total marks from each judge counting most, and that was more than enough for her purpose. Indeed, Witt stood in first place despite losing both figures to Manley

RESULTS: Women: Compulsory figures: 1, K Witt (EG), 0.6pts; 2, E Manley (Can), 1.2; 3, D Thomas (US), 1.8; 4, J Trenary (US), 2.4; 5, C Leisner (WG), 3.0; 6, C Kadavy (US), 3.6. British placings: 7, J Conway, 4.2; 23, G Fulton, 13.8. Men: Short programme: 1, B Boitano (US), 0.4pts; 2, B Orser (Can), 0.8; 3, V Petrenko (USSR), 1.2; 4, G Filipowski (Pol), 1.6; 5, P Barna (Ca), 2.0; 6, H Fischer (WG), 2.4. British placing: 17, P Robinson, 6.6. Overall positions: 1, Boitano, 2.2; 2, Filipowski, 2.8; 3, Orser, 3.8; 4, Petrenko and Fischer, 4.8; 6, C Bowman (US), 7.8. British placing: 17, Robinson, 17.0.

Bradford favourites to win Preston sevens

By Michael Stevenson

The tenth Preston schools festival, sponsored by Guy's Eating Establishment and Procontech, starts today at Lightfoot Lane, and it will be hard not to saddle Bradford GS, unbeaten in 52 matches, with the unwelcome mantle of favouritism.

However, form during the past term has a habit of diluting itself at Preston, as Pate's GS discovered last year, and Kirkham GS, The Leys, Pontypool College, Arnold (last year's winners), St Cyre's, who are interesting newcomers from Penarth, and Silcoates will all be keen to build on successful seasons and knock this wonderfully capable Bradford side off its perch. Thirty-two schools will compete over three days for the Rob Roy Trophy.

Sadly, the Preston festival clashes with one of the most ambitious sevens tournaments on the schools circuit — the Oxfordshire RFU national schools sevens, on Saturday, in which 167 teams from 105 schools will compete. There are three senior (under-19) sections and three junior (under-16).

The main centre is Iffley Road, and 261 games will be played in the charge of 40 referees from seven different societies.

● Ampleforth, who won the Rosslyn Park festival tournament (open to schools that play rugby for only one term) on Wednesday, continued where they left off in the open competition yesterday, winning their first three games easily.

OPEN TOURNAMENT RESULTS: Group B: Fifth round: Newcastle under Lyme 35, C rshunt 0; Emanuel 4, St Mary's, Crosby 6. Group C: Fifth round: Strade 14, Sri Lanka 0. Group E: Fourth round: Bassaleg 0, Stoneyhurst 28. Group N: Fourth round: Ashville 8, St Anselm's 18; Chesterhurst and Sidcup 3, St Edward's, Liverpool 0. Group P: First round: Wirral 4, Ampleforth 16, Ellesmere 10, Bryanston 12. Second round: St George's, Harpenden 6, Ampleforth 28; Bryanston 10, Wirral 14. Third round: Wirral 30, St George's 0; Ellesmere 8, Ampleforth 18. Group Q: First round: Austin Friars 10, Warwick 36; Rossall 4, Douai 4. Second round: Hereford Catholic School 4, Warwick 22; Douai 12, Austin Friars Third round: Austin Friars 10, Hereford 14; Rossall 12, Warwick 0. Group R: First round: Sevenoaks 12, Cowley 19; York VI Form College 16, King William's, Isle of Man 4. Second round: Duke of York's 12, Cowley 12; King William's 4, Sevenoaks 18. Third round: Sevenoaks 10, Duke of York's 14; York 4, Cowley 30. Group S: First round: Durham 18, Truro 6; St Bees 24, Yeovil College 0. Second round: Llandovery 28, Truro 10; St Bees 4, Durham 16. Third round: Durham 4, Llandovery 18; St Bees 30, Truro 4.

Seeing more of Sutton

The cancellation of the Combined England Students' tour to Zimbabwe means that Nottingham may see more of Sutton, the England B stand-off half, than once seemed likely (David Hands writes). Sutton, a student at Cambridge University, makes his debut at Beeston against Cardiff tomorrow and will be available for the Midlands club during April.

It is the first of two meetings between Nottingham and Cardiff, who have never met before; the second is the scheduled fixture on April 30 in Cardiff but tomorrow's game was arranged after both clubs had been knocked out of their respective national cup competitions.

Nottingham have all their representative players back save one — Hodgkinson, the stand-off half and captain, who is on holiday.

MOTOR RACING

Keeping up high standards

With its fortieth motor racing season scheduled to start this weekend, Silverstone yesterday unveiled the second phase of developments designed to keep the circuit in line with stringent Grand Prix standards (Andrew Longmore writes).

During the winter, £150,000 has been spent on the debris fencing to protect spectators, spectator banking has been built and work has also begun on the £700,000 Press facility which will be opened in time for the British Grand Prix on July 10.

Highlights of the Silverstone season are the round of the FISA World Sports Car Championship on May 7 and 8 and the Formula 3,000 Championship on June 4 and 5.

● Brands Hatch reopens its full Grand Prix circuit on Easter Sunday.

TENNIS

Confident Lomas eyes the medal trail again

From Richard Eaton, Paris

Lisa Lomas, aged 20, of Dunstable, who won the bronze medal in the last European championships but who has since slipped from the limelight, made an encouraging start in her quest to be among the medals again here yesterday.

Lomas, ranked No. 19 in Europe, showed some signs of her old confidence in winning her women's singles first round against Barbara Wiltsche, the Austrian international, 21-14, 21-14, 21-12.

Lomas, the former English national champion, today meets Giorgia Zampini, of Italy. If successful she would then confront Edit Urban, of Hungary, the European No. 7, in the third round. There is no prospect though of a successful run for Andrea Holt.

BRITISH AND IRISH RESULTS: (GB unless stated): Men's singles: First round: N Williams bt P Cardona (Mal), 21-12, 21-12. 21-12; C Martin (Fr) bt A Dennison, 21-11, 21-12, 21-13; R Van Spanje (Neth) bt J Bailey, 21-13, 21-5, 21-8. J Ikonen (Fin) bt I McLean, 21-9, 21-9, 21-9; P Fernandes (Por) bt A Bichard, 21-9, 21-14, 21-12. Second round: R Van Spanje (Neth) bt J Dal, 21-13, 21-16, 21-15, M Gasdam (Austria) bt M Gaudion, 21-4, 21-16, 21-11; K Nadesas (Gr) bt Williams, 24-22, 21-16, 21-16; F Grini bt N Diaz (Port), 21-15, 21-15, 21-11; G Stebens (Lux) bt D McIlroy, 18-21, 21-18, 21-13, 24-22. Women's singles: First round: Z Olah (Hun) bt L Tyler, 21-4, 21-8, 21-10, S Wenzel (Lux) bt C Dalrymple, wo; F Isanovic (Yug) bt A Holt, 12-21, 21-14, 21-16, 21-13; L Lomas bt B Wiltsche, 21-14, 21-14, 21-12. Mixed doubles: First round: C Lomas and A Doumeni (Gr) bt D McIlroy and E McIlroy, 2-0; D Mazunov and R Timofeeva (USSR) bt D Hannah and C Dalrymple wo; M Saro and S Suomalainen (Fin) bt N Tyler and L Tyler, 2-0; C Junge and K Bastman (IDen) bt C Slevin and J Reid, 2-0; C Prean and L Lomas bt T Miller and M Frey (Switz), 2-0; J Broe and J Smith bt J Dal and N McEvoy, 2-1; G Clancey and S Hurry bt C Zulaika and E Sempere (Sp), 2-0. A Skytel and F Elliot bt K Nadesals and K Spanou (Gr), 2-0.

RACKETS

Tonbridge face stern task

The main event of the public schools championships begins at Queen's Club tomorrow (William Stephens writes). Marlborough are seeded first and strong favourites to win, since their pair, Guy Barker and Alister Robinson, provided one of the best singles finals of the tournament last December. Barker then upstaged Robinson, the top seed, to win the H. K. Foster Cup in brilliant style. As a double pair they present an awesome prospect.

Tonbridge, who have won the schools championship for the last three years, are seeded second and Malvern third. This is the centenary of the championships at Queen's.

SQUASH RACKETS

Nichol ruffles England

From Colin McQuillan, Warmond, The Netherlands

Scotland failed to upset English dominance of the ICI European team championship in the third round here yesterday, but the Scots did manage to introduce a little grit in the gears in the women's competition, where England have never lost since 1978.

Julie Nicol, the Scots' third string, aged 17, from Inverurie, overturned Melanie Warren-Hawkes in four games. What Nicol lacked in muscle, she made up in perseverence as she covered virtually every shot from Warren-Hawkes, ranked 26th in the world, and delivered her own attacks to a devastating line and length.

Alison Cumings and Lisa Opie rescued England with some ease, but the Scottish men took inspiration from Nicol, without receiving reward comensurate with their commitment. Mark Maclean delayed Geoff Williams for five games.

RESULTS: Third round: Men: England 5, Scotland 0. (England names first): G Williams bt M Maclean, 9-2, 9-10, 9-2, 5-9, 9-2. B Beeson bt C Keirl, 8-10, 9-4, 9-1, 9-4. N Harvey bt F Ellis, 4-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-3; M Bodsmeade bt A Thomson, 9-5, 10-8, 9-5; P Whitlock bt B Sutherland, 9-3, 9-2, 9-7. Women: England 2, Scotland 1. L Opie bt S Brown, 9-1, 9-6, 9-4; A Cumings bt A Cruickshank, 9-3, 9-5, 9-2; M Warren-Hawkes lost to J Nicol, 9-2, 9-10, 6-9, 8-10. Wales 2, Finland 1. (Wales first): S Johnson lost to T Myllymaris, 1-9, 1-9, 1-9; S Fury bt N Tammaro, 9-7, 9-7, 9-7; S Stephenson bt M Sinerva, 9-4, 9-5, 9-0.

YACHTING

Cup trials begin in earnest

Auckland (Reuter) — The 1988 America's Cup moved out of the courtrooms and on to the water yesterday when New Zealand's challenger underwent its maiden trial on Auckland harbour.

The five-hour training exercise was deemed a success by the syndicate set to challenge the San Diego Yacht Club for the sport's most prestigious trophy off California in September.

Michael Fay, chairman of the challenge committee, was on board as New Zealand, a 130-foot yacht, slipped out of its closely guarded dock at Devonport naval base at dawn for a trial aimed at sorting out positions for the 40-strong crew and testing the sails ahead of the official launch on Sunday.

Classic race on China Sea

Hong Kong — The furthest flung event of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's regular calendar begins today with the 120-mile opener to the China Sea Race Series, run under the club's auspices by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (Michael McKeag writes). Sailed from Hong Kong to Manila, the 650-mile China Sea race is one of ocean racing's classics.

The British designer, Ed Dubois, has the strongest representation among the grand prix yachts taking part with Bimblegumbi (Keith Jacobs) and Sweet Caroline (Steve Ellis). Both Australian-owned yachts were built for the Hong Kong team in last year's Southern Cross series.

The series continues with two in-shore races in Hong Kong waters.

Bangor GS overwhelm Coleraine in cup final

Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

Bangor GS achieved their third victory in the Ulster Bank Schools' Cup final at Ravenhill, where they defeated **Coleraine** AI 13-4. Coleraine have reached the final on 30 occasions and have won the cup only eight times.

McKenna's early penalty was followed by an opportunist try by the Bangor hooker, Taylor, and an incisive break and try by Mann, which McKenna converted accounted for Bangor's other points. Coleraine answered with a second half try by Hamilton, the flanker.

Mount St Mary's have won all their recent matches apart from a 9-9 draw with **Bradford GS**. They beat **Highfield's** from Matlock (23-9), **Pocklington** (21-0), **Woodhouse Grove** (7-4), **Hall Cross** from Doncaster (26-0), **Nottingham HS** (16-14). They also won their own sevens tournament, beating Bradford (14-10) in the semi-final and **Ampleforth** Seven 10-6 in the final.

A defeat for Mount St Mary's first XV, which I reported earlier, was in error. The side that **Dinnington CS** defeated was a mixture of the Mount second and third teams.

Galashiels Academy won the Bank of Scotland Scottish Schools' Cup for the third time, when they defeated **St Aloysius** (7-6), scoring the only try of the match, touched down by Waddell.

Merchiston Castle, Scotland's outstanding side this winter, have been honoured by an invitation to the World International Schools' Sevens at Rosslyn Park, in place of Scottish Schools, whose other international commitments prevent their attendance. After a couple of near misses at Sevens tournaments, Merchiston won the Golden Acre tournament, organized by Heriots, beating Loretto (18-10) in the final.

Judd School completed a good season, which left them with 13 wins and six defeats from 19 matches. They now embark on an Easter tour of Canada and the United States. **Loughborough GS** enjoyed one of their best seasons.

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Referees exert little control but the individual skills far surpass those seen from the terraces in Britain

African nations turning on the heat

From David Miller
Casablanca

Let nobody be under any illusions. England's allegedly surprise failure to defeat Morocco in the 1986 World Cup, in a match they might well have lost, was no freak occurrence. The XVI African Nations Cup is proving that.

African football is developing with every season while simultaneously in many traditional football countries it declines. In the two semi-finals here and in Rabat on Wednesday, Algeria v Nigeria and Morocco v Cameroon, we witnessed individual skills which you would never see from August to May with most British clubs. The tactical, and individual, disciplines fell short.

Yet the best of African teams, though may be not comparable yet to the top sides of Europe and Latin America, are certainly superior to the last-ditch qualifiers from the other continents. The days when Zaire were chopping blocks in 1974 for Brazil, Yugoslavia and Scotland are long gone.

Here was the African magic which has been on the way for so long. With evident racist antipathy running high among the crowds at both matches, the two Arab semi-finalists, World Cup qualifiers in Mexico and, in Algeria's case, also in Spain, were eliminated by the blacks. The results were justified.

Regrettably the second match in Casablanca in the evening contained not merely the most accomplished football I have seen from African teams in 20 years, but possibly the worst fouling in a single match since Hungary and Brazil kicked the kneecaps off each other in Berne in 1954. The referee had much to answer for.

Before the World Cup in Mexico, I questioned the wisdom of nominating referees from minor areas of football. We experienced the penalty of such democratic, geographical selection when England played Argentina and Maradona handled a goal. The same happened now when the African Confederations referees committee appointed Cadresen Egamaden, of Mauritius, to handle the host's meeting with Cameroon.

Had Egamaden seen a quarter of what went on, the game would have finished with barely a dozen players on the field and the rest back in the dressingroom. In between the fouling, the football was often spectacular.

The afternoon crowd in Rabat was booing and heckling the large Nigerian supporters section long before the kick-off, and hooted the Nigerian team from the start. Nigeria responded by dominating the first half against an Algerian team that is a shadow of the side which beat West Germany in 1982, Belloumi now ageing and bandaged.

Nigeria recently engaged Manfred Hoener, of West Germany, as technical director. The chief coach is still Paul Hamilton, a Nigerian, to whom the players emotionally respond, but Hoener has changed the tactics. They no longer play with wingers (Chiedozie and others), but with a compact 1-3-4-2 formation.

They were technically gifted and brutally strong in the tackle, so that Algeria, trying to play a short passing game under their Soviet coach, Evgeni Rogov, were repeatedly caught in possession. Nigeria scored shortly before half time when Yekeni, converted from wing to centreforward, headed down a long cross, Okwanaji — who plays for Ulms in West Germany — mishit his shot and Mataar deflected into his own net.

In the second half Nigeria lost control of the game and their senses. Okwanaji was booked, Menad and Yahi might have equalized. Five minutes from the end Adeshina, having scandalously pretended to be mortally injured moments before, was sent off for blatant hacking. Mataar headed the equalizer in the ninetieth minute.

This seemed to sober Nigerian heads, and with 10 men they played out extra time to win 9-8 on penalties when Belloumi missed Algeria's eleventh kick.

In Casablanca, Morocco were without Timoumi, such a figurehead against England in Monterrey, but now injured against Algeria in the first round. However, El Haddaoui is a brilliant new arrival in the side in midfield, and in a more ordered match he might have turned the day.

The brawling started after only five minutes. The referee failed to move back a Moroccan wall, Cameroon refused to take the free kick. While both sides argued with the hesitant Egamaden, Kana of Cameroon, standing on the 18 yard line in expectation of a header, instead butted Mouahid, Morocco's sweeper. Many fists flew in the ensuing scuffle and eventually Mouahid, unconscious, was taken off on a stretcher

Yet Cameroon, champions in 1984 and runners up in 1986 and with five French league professionals, were playing football occasionally reminiscent of Brazil.

The decisive goal came 10 minutes from time. Makanaky, of Toulon, struck a shot from 20 yards low into the corner on a rebound out of defence to produce a repeat of the 1984 final in the Ivory Coast. The invasion of the pitch by several spectators was not a good omen for Morocco's bid for the World Cup. Angry crowds stamped home through the streets chanting aggressively.

CRICKET

Pakistanis forced to toil against spinners

From Richard Streeton
Georgetown, Guyana

The Pakistanis made a careful start on the relaid Bourda Oval pitch when their four-day match with the West Indies Board XI began here yesterday. Mudassar Nazar and Moin-ul-Atiq made 91 for the first wicket before both were out either side of lunch.

Even the local players had no idea how the grassless pitch would react and Imran Khan was grateful to win the toss. There was little pace for the quicker bowlers but Butts and Harper, the off-spinners, made the ball turn. Butts replaced Haynes, after the Jamaican leg-spinner, injured a foot.

Mudassar and Moin had plenty of time to shape their strokes, although Gray beat Moin once or twice. Bishop had trouble with his run-up and conceded several no-balls and the left-arm Collymore bowled too wide.

The Pakistanis reached 64 in 19 overs before Butts and Harper bowled and the openers became more tentative. Harper pushed the ball through faster than his colleague and had Mudassar dropped by Gray at slip before enticing Mudassar to turn a catch to backward short leg in his first over.

After lunch, Butts ended Moin's patient innings when a sharply turning ball beat the batsman's attempted drive. David Williams, the Trinidad wicketkeeper, needed to be at his best as the two off-spinners kept the Pakistanis subdued.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Seeram b Harper	47
Moin-ul-Atiq b Butts	38
Shoaib Mohammad not out	40
Aamir Malik not out	23
Extras	17
Total (2 wkts)	165

Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, *Imran Khan, †Saleem Yousuf, Naveed Anjum, Abdul Qadir and Hafiz Shahid to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-103.
WEST INDIES BOARD XI: *R A Harper, S Dhanraam, C B Lambert, R Seeram, C G Butts, P V Simmons, †D Williams, I R Bishop, A H Gray, K L T Arthurton and D J Collymore.
‡Umpires: R Haynes and M N Baksh.

FOOTBALL

O'Leary must come into Charlton's plans for Germany

By Clive White

Romania's regrettable decision to withdraw 10 members of Steaua Bucharest, the former European Cup winners, from the side which passively submitted to the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on Wednesday, may have lulled Jack Charlton — and more significantly the Irish defence — into a false sense of security.

It is plainly obvious that Charlton has decided that McCarthy and Moran is to be his centre-back pairing in the European championship finals in West Germany this summer, and there was nothing that even Camataru, last season's Golden Boots winner, in his unsplendid isolation, could do at Lansdowne Road to shift Charlton from that view.

Perhaps if Moran and McCarthy had had their international credentials more closely examined, Charlton might be inclined to reconsider the wisdom of his persistent omission of O'Leary, one of the Republic's few top quality defenders.

It is probably already too late to ask O'Leary to strike up an understanding with someone in the Irish back four, but just in case an instinctive blend could be found, Charlton should seriously consider playing O'Leary, alongside perhaps McCarthy in their next game, against Yugoslavia, at Lansdowne Road next month.

At least O'Leary is back in Charlton's thoughts, having been recalled to the squad for the Yugoslavia after an absence of 18 months before injury intervened. It would be a folly to rival that of Hansen's omission from the Mexico World Cup finals by Alex Ferguson, the then Scotland manager, if Charlton were to leave out O'Leary.

At the age of 30, O'Leary, still resembling an overgrown foal, has turned back the years this season and been of paramount importance to the success of Arsenal and the growth of Adams, his young sidekick.

But injury, as well as Charlton's fancy, still bars the way for O'Leary, who sees a specialist today about an Achilles tendon injury which has bothered him since the beginning of the year and threatens to deny him a place in the Littlewoods Cup Final at least.

Wales are ready to return to Paisley

By Ian Ross

The Football Association of Wales could well find itself returning to try and lure Bob Paisley from retirement as its prolonged search for a national team manager continues.

Wednesday night's defeat by Yugoslavia in an international match at Swansea brought the clearest indication yet that David Williams — in charge of team affairs for only that fixture — would not seek a more permanent appointment.

Williams, player-coach with Norwich City, had been widely tipped to succeed Mike England, who was dismissed two months ago, but he indicated he would think things over during the next few days before announcing whether he still wished to be considered for the part-time job. But the signs are not encouraging for the three-man subcommittee charged with the responsibility of finding a man capable of leading Wales forward into the next World Cup finals.

● Northern Ireland will face France in their final World Cup warm-up match at Windsor Park on April 27 with growing confidence. Billy Bingham, the manager, did not wax lyrical about his side's 1-1 draw against highly-rated Poland on Wednesday night in Belfast but he praised the contributions by Danny Wilson, Nigel Worthington and Allen McKnight (George Ace writes).

Newport plight worsens

Newport Borough Council has told directors of the town's troubled football club that the authority cannot provide any further financial help. Harry Jones, leader of the Labour-controlled council, made this clear in a statement issued after 70 minutes of talks with the club chairman, Tony Worthy, who disclosed that the club was likely to fold, with debts of £200,000 and no prospect of meeting them.

● Italy might lose the 1990 World Cup venue to Mexico or West Germany if preparations do not speed up drastically.

● The Coca Cola company yesterday pledged more than £500,000 to back the FA's Education and Coaching Scheme for the next four years.

● Jan Bartram, Rangers' Danish defender, said yesterday he regretted criticizing Graeme Souness, his manager, but still expected to be fired from Ibrox.

● Chelsea yesterday signed a new four-year sponsorship deal with the Commodore computer company worth £1,750,000.

● Nicky Morgan, the Stoke City forward, has been told he has broken one of his legs, two weeks after he sustaining the injury during a second division match at Plymouth.

● France will face England at home on April 13 and away on April 27 in the semi-finals of the European under-21 championship.

● The leading tranfers completed yesterday were:
Julian Dicks, £300,000 Birmingham City to West Ham United; Kevin Langley, £100,000 Manchester City to Birmingham City; Ian Atkins, on loan Ipswitch to Birmingham City; David Puckett, on loan from Bournemouth to Stoke City; Archie Jourley £50,000 from Morton to Newcastle; Brian Marwood, £600,000 Sheffield Wednesday to Arsenal; Kevin Hitchcock, £250,000 Mansfield to Chelsea; Trevor Francis, on loan Glasgow Rangers to Queen's Park Rangers; David Pizzarti, on loan Queen's Park Rangers to Leicester City; Les Robinson, £20,000 Stockport County to Doncaster Rovers; Steve Baker, £50,000 Southampton to Leyton Orient; Michael Cole, £45,000 Ipswich Town to Fulham; Colin Pascoe, £60,000 Swansea City to Sunderland; Paul Samsome, £40,000 Millwall to Southend United; Keith Edwards, £60,000 Aberdeen to Hull City.

GOLF: NO EARLY CHALLENGE FROM EUROPEANS IN FLORIDA

Ballesteros falls in the water

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Ponte Vedra, Florida

Severiano Ballesteros's fatal attraction to water began an unpredictable slide as he toiled to a first round of 76, four over par, in The Players Championship here on the Sawgrass Stadium Course yesterday.

Mark McCumber, of the United States, captured the early lead with on 65, two shots ahead of his compatriots Tom Kite and David Ogrin and the South African David Frost, but Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo failed to take advantage of the benign conditions as they finished with 74 and 75 respectively.

Ballesteros looked the partover the opening stretch, but that all changed when he arrived at the 17th, his eighth after starting from the tenth.

The island green has claimed many famous victims, and Ballesteros became another one when his ball landed on the green, but then rolled viciously to the left before toppling into a watery grave. The Spaniard was far from amused. "I cannot see why they call this a good hole," he said. "I have a much stronger word for it."

That setback seemed to destroy Ballesteros's concentration. He had four birdies, but dropped shots at seven holes, including one at his last, where his temper got the better of him. His second shot, struck from the middle of the fairway, hit a tree and the ball ricochetted 60 yards to the left, leaving him with an impossible shot.

His ball was half-buried in a hole in the rough, and after looking for a gap through the trees he suddenly turned at right angles and chopped at the ball, and it careered across the fairway to finish in rough on the other side. His next stroke sent the ball over the green and into a bunker, and he eventually holed from four feet for a six.

Woosnam, as he himself suggested before the round, is not playing well. He struggled for his 74 in which three pulled drives did not help his cause.

Faldo turned in 37, which was a fair reflection of his play, but he then took three putts at two of his next three holes. "I'm not asking to sink the impossible ones, but when you hit good shots, then it is important to take advantage of them on the greens. I did not."

EARLY FIRST-ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 65: M McCumber. 67: D Ogrin. D Frost (SA), T Kite. 68: D Hammond. 69: G Morgan, P Jacobsen. 70: M Donald, S Elkington, G Koch, D Mast, D Halderson (Can), P Azinger, S Pate, B Eastwood, T Simpson, K Green. 71: C Rose, K Perry, W Grady (Aus), M Lye, J Sluman, D Graham (Aus), M Wiebe. European: 74: I Woosnam (GB). 75: N Faldo (GB). 76: S Ballesteros (Sp).



Sunny smiles at Sunningdale: Mary McKenna (left) and Maureen Garner congratulate each other for reaching today's semi-finals (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Extra drive is given to Garner

Maureen Garner received an extra incentive to win the Sunningdale foursomes today when Tippex, her sponsoring company offered her a new car if she partners Mary McKenna, the Irish international, to victory today.

After she and McKenna beat Nigel Blenkarne, the Salisbury professional, and Alan Lyddon, a former winner of this title, 4 and 3, Garner said: "They haven't said what sort of car it will be but if we win, I shall ask for a Mercedes Benz."

FIFTH ROUND: M Daniels and M King (Sunningdale) bt D Wilson (Sunningdale) and P Froggatt (Malone), 20th; G Cowlishaw (Ferndown) and S Watkins (Blackborough) bt M Nichols (Wentworth) and P Jones (Wallasey Castle), 3 and 1; A Raitt (Burhill) and J Cowgill (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt R Foster (Bradford) and P Baker (Unsitt), 3 and 1; C Mason (Unsitt) and A Chandler (Mere) bt J Robinson (Woodhall Spa) and M Davis (Thornton Park), 4 and 3; I Young (Stoneham) and H Stott (Shirley Park) bt Miss S Sharpcott and D Hares (Knowle), 19th; Miss M McKenna (Donabate) and Mrs M Garner (unatt) bt D McClelland (Tilgate) and P Elson (Stanford), 1 hole; N Blenkarne (Salisbury and S Wills) and A Lyddon (Knole) bt J Weir (Sunningdale) and B Puttick (Ranelagh), 1 hole; W Grant (Cuddington) and N Burke (Chigwell) bt J Spence and M Allen (Nevill), 3 and 2.

QUARTER-FINALS: Mason and Chandler bt Raitt and Cowgill, 4 and 3; Cowlishaw and Watkins bt Daniels and King, 1 hole; Miss McKenna and Mrs Garner bt Blenkarne and Lyddon, 4 and 3; Grant and Burke bt Young and Stott, 2 and 1.

Europeans rookies sweat in the sun

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

Half the European rookies on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour were struggling in the sun in the first round of the Standard Register Turquoise Classic at Moon Valley, Pheonix, Arizona, yesterday. Liselotte Neumann was two over par after 11 holes and Caroline Pierce was five over after nine but doggedly determined that "this is not going to beat me". Laura Davies and Trish Johnson were allowed a lie-in, being late off.

The early leaders were Colleen Walker and Lauren Howe at four under par. They were one shot clear of Dottie Mochrie and Danielle Ammaccapane, both members of the United States Curtis Cup team humbled at Prairie Dunes two years ago.

Neumann, looking cool and elegant in pink, started at the 10th and had a birdie three at the 14th but immediately returned to level par by dropping a shot at the next hole. She saved par at the 17th with a tip and a putt and seemed not to notice what looked like a woman doing her exercises on the patio of her house behind the green.

It was in fact no woman but a superior kind of tailor's dummy posed on a lounger with its legs straight out, arms outstretched in front of it, clutching a golf club. It did not seem to be advertising anything, which is unusual in this country, but just goes to show that the English do not have a monopoly on eccentricity.

Neumann also missed the green at her 9th and 10th and her short game failed to save her at either hole. The Swede's putting also let her down at the short second, her 11th, where she drilled a five iron to four feet and the putt lipped out.

● VALENCIA: Switzerland's golfers have been eliminated before the start of the Dunhill Cup European qualifying tournament, allowing Austria and Belgium to go through to today's start of the event. Nine teams wanted to tee up in the eight-nation tournament, and Switzerland finished last in a preliminary round with Austria and Belgium. The qualifying tournament will establish the three leading unseeded European sides to go through to the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from October 13 to 16.

EQUESTRIANISM

Controlled display by Eilberg

Britain's leading trainer, Ferdi Eilberg, and Carphone's Giovanni gave an excellent display of powerful but controlled work to win the Intermediaire II at the dressage selection trials at Stoneleigh yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Patricia Gardiner and Wily Imp, the runners-up and favourites for a place on the British team at the Olympics, were 10 marks behind with a mistake in the one-time changes.

In the Intermediaire I, another professional trainer, Erik Theilgaard, of Denmark, on British thoroughbred Leonardo finished with just one mark more than the combination of Alan Doxey and Waldon.

RESULTS: Intermediaire I: 1, Leonardo, E Theilgaard; 2, Waldan, A Doxey; 3, Aconto, Lady Joicey. Intermediaire II: 1, Giovanni, F Eilberg; 2, Wily Imp, P Gardiner; 3, Dutch Gold, J Lorimore-Clarke.

Looking good

Britain's modern pentathlon team has underlined its Olympic medal prospects despite finishing fourth in a Games qualifying tournament in San Antonio, United States, according to Ron Bright, the team manager. The team was involved in a close finish for second place, despite being without Dominic Mahoney, the British No. 1, who was competing in a fencing international.

RESULTS: 1, Soviet Union, 16,228pts; 2, Italy, 15,532; 3, France, 15,433; 4, Great Britain (G Brookhouse 5,223; R Phelps, 5,084; N Hart, 5,069), 15,376.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	35	175	good	heavy	worn	fine	5
Conditions still good for time of year							
St Anton	210	515	good	heavy	good	snow	1
Good skiing lower runs, poor visibility higher up							
FRANCE							
Flaine	175	380	good	powder	good	snow	-5
Excellent skiing conditions							
Megève	60	240	good	varied	fair	rain	3
New snow has improved skiing on higher runs							
Morzine	50	160	good	varied	worn	cloud	1
Excellent skiing conditions above 1,400m							
La Plagne	200	290	good	heavy	good	snow	3
Snow and wind have shut top lifts and runs							
Val Thorens	215	275	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Very heavy snowfall							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	90	195	good	heavy	good	snow	-1
Poor visibility mars good skiing							
Grindelwald	20	200	good	powder	fair	rain	4
Much new snow on higher slopes							
Verbier	40	230	good	powder	good	snow	-6
Avalanche danger high							
Villars	80	200	good	spring	good	snow	5
Excellent soft snow skiing							
Zermatt	110	210	good	varied	good	snow	1
Heavy snowfall							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

GERMANY	L	U
Berchtesgaden	20	170
Garmisch	10	150
Hindelang-Oberjoch	50	150
Mittenwald	25	110
Oberammergau	30	130
Oberstaufen	70	120
Oberstdorf	55	540

● Information supplied by the German Automobile Club.

NORWAY	L	U
Geilo	~	150
Hemsedal	~	170
Hovden	~	135
Lillehammer	~	230
Oslomarka	~	130

● Information supplied by the Norwegian National Tourist Office.

SWITZERLAND	L	U
Adelboden	85	150
Andermatt	150	240
Arosa	135	180
Champéry	70	210
Crans-Montana	120	210
Engelberg	60	200
Gstaad	50	115
Klosters	80	200
Lenk-Flims	70	240
Les Diablerets	50	210
Leysin	80	180
Mürren	130	180
Pontresina	45	140
Saas Fee	80	200
St Moritz	80	110
Wengen	50	200

● Information supplied by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorms: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, spring snow; lower slopes, runs complete, spring snow; vertical runs, 1,500ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper and middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, some runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1,500ft. Glencoe: upper runs, runs complete, spring snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, spring snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,500ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Lecht: upper and middle runs, runs complete, spring snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, spring snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Forecast for today: all centres will be mainly cloudy with occasional snow showers, heavy at times; much drifting in the strong to gale force westerly winds, which could give blizzard conditions at times on the higher slopes; freezing level will be 2,000ft. Outlook for tomorrow: sunny periods with scattered snow showers, and the wind slowly moderating.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

College decision poses threat to Oxford City

By Paul Newman

Oxford City, one of England's most famous non-League clubs, may go out of existence after failing to secure their future at their White House Ground. Brasenose College, which owns the stadium, won repossession of it in the High Court on Wednesday and has told the Vauxhall-Opel League first division club to leave at the end of the season.

The company which used to run the club went into receivership two years ago, when a new company headed by Les Goodchild, the present chairman, bought the lease for the ground. However, the college was not consulted and successfully claimed in court that the lease could only be assigned to new tenants with its permission. Dr Robert Gasser, the college bursar, said yesterday that the college did not consider the new tenants suitable.

The ground is near the centre of the city and could be worth a lot of money if planning permission for housing was granted, but Dr Gasser said that no decision as to the future of the ground had been made.

"Although from a sentimental point of view it would be unfortunate to see a 100-year-old club die, the support of a not very successful amateur football club cannot be one of our objectives," Dr Gasser said. "The club's gates are not very large and it is has probably come to a natural end to its usefulness in the city."

Oxford, formed in 1882, were very successful in the days of amateur football and won the FA Amateur Cup in 1906. They have been members of the Isthmian League (now the Vauxhal-Opel League) since 1907 and include Cliff Holton and Vic Mobley among some of their most famous former players.

Although the club has been in decline in recent years, some £17,000 has been spent recently on ground improvements. "My fellow directors and I have put in a lot of time and money to keep this club alive," Goodchild said. "I only hope that the people of Oxford realize how serious it all is and make themselves heard."

Goodchild said that there was little hope of finding a new home in time for next season and that the only way the club could be saved would be to share Oxford United's ground.

Meanwhile, three GM Vauxhall Conference clubs have made important decisions over the future of their grounds. Wycombe Wanderers have successfully appealed against planning refusal to develop Loakes Park and its famous sloping pitch. They will now sell the ground and move to a new £1.5m stadium on the edge of town in two seasons' time.

Kidderminster Harriers have gained planning permission to rebuild their main stand, but Wealdstone have delayed for at least 12 months a plan to move to a new ground. Legal difficulties have arisen over selling their Lower Mead stadium, which is held in trusteeship for the club. Wealdstone had agreed in principle to share Harrow Borough's ground next season.

SNOOKER

Concern over dearth of sponsorship

By Steve Acteson

Snooker's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), is seriously considering scrapping the game's national professional championships. The board of directors has become increasingly concerned over the disinterest shown in the events by sponsors and network television.

Paul Hatherell, a WPBSA spokesman, confirmed yesterday: "We are certainly discussing the future of the national championships, but we are still looking at the situation." Other sources close to the WPBSA would say, however, that the days of the national championships are already numbered.

The Welsh championship alone has attracted regular sponsorship in recent years and will be underwritten for the next two years by Senator Windows. But the WPBSA, since 1985, have been pumping £1,000 per man into the national championships of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Canada and South Africa and are also next season launching three £25,000 satellite tournaments.

Yesterday at Goff's, Co Kildare, Terry Griffiths capitalized on a series of mistakes by Jimmy White to beat him 5-2

RESULTS: Final round (Wednesday): J Johnson (Eng) bt E Hughes (Rep of Ire), 5-4. Frame scores (Johnson first): 25-87, 39-78, 84-23, 68-25, 68-81, 76-17, 44-70, 88-22, 79-25. Quarter-finals (yesterday): T Griffiths (Wales) bt J White (Eng), 5-2. Frame scores (White first): 22-74, 88-1, 55-75, 39-57, 48-56, 84-8, 39-59.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: Semi-final, first leg: Portsmouth 84 (Cunningham 30, Glass 17, Irish 18, Tatham 13), Polycell Kingston 87 (Bontrager 37, Davis 18, Scott 14).
DUSSELDORF: European champions clubs' cup: Women's final: Primigi Vicenza (it) 70, Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR), 64.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 104, Washington Bullets 89; Cleveland Cavaliers 105, New Jersey Nets 96; Chicago Bulls 118, Philadelphia 76ers 102; Golden State Warriors 126, Sacramento Kings 118; Denver Nuggets 118, Los Angeles Clippers 106; Seattle Supersonics 118, Portland Trail Blazers 108.

BOXING

BANGKOK: IBF mini-flyweight championship (vacant): Samuth Sithniruepol (Thai) bt Prady Boy Lucas (Phil), rsc, 11th.

CRICKET

HARARE: Tour match: Zimbabwe 108 and 244 (D Houghton 126; V Deeshapriya 4 for 56); Sri Lanka 8 356 for 5 dec. Sri Lanka B won by an innings and four runs.

CYCLING

CAMBRILS, Spain: Catalan Week race: Third stage (181 km): 1, I Gaston (Sp), 4hr 57min 34sec; J-L Laguia (Sp), 3, J Drasker (Neth); 4, P Stevenhaagen (Neth); 5, S Kelly (Ire); 6, F Gamier (Fr). Overall positions: Kelly, 15:03:29; 2, M Pesters (Bel), 15:03:50; 3, F Delmier (Fr), same time; 4, A De Silva (Por), same time; 5, Stevenhaagen, same time; 6, Gaston, same time.

GOLF

BANGKOK: Thailand Open championship: First-round leaders: 68: Lu Chien Soon (Taiwan), Hsieh Yu Shu (Taiwan), R Gibson (Can), 69: Chen Liang Hsi (Taiwan), S Verano (US), 70: J Senepe (US), S Ruengkit (Thai), P Broadell (Swe), K Hla Han (Burma). Buddy: 72: R McMillan.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCHES: King's, Canterbury 1, Kent College 2; King's Canterbury 1, Kelly 0.

SPEEDWAY

FRANK VAREY NORTHERN TROPHY: Brandon 58, Belle Vue 32.
CHALLENGE MATCHES: Milton Keynes 55, Peterborough 37. Postponed: Sheffield v Getingarna (Swe).

SWIMMING

ORLANDO, Florida: US indoor national championships: Men (US unless stated): 100m freestyle: 1, M Biondi, 49.37sec; Britfolk: 5=, A Jameson, 50.81. 200m breaststroke: 1, J Kubiak, 2min 15.78sec. 200m backstroke: 1, T Deutsch (Hun), 2:01.97. 200m butterfly: 1, M Stewart, 1:57.89. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, D Torres, 55.96. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Shaw, 2:33.15. 200m backstroke: 1, E Barr, 2:13.20. 200m butterfly: 1, M Meagher, 2:10.75.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England 2, Netherlands 2; Northern Ireland 1, Poland 1; Republic of Ireland 2, Romania 0; Wales 1, Yugoslavia 2; Greece 0, Soviet Union 4; France 2, Spain 1.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final, second leg: Netherlands 2, Spain 1 (act: 0-1 after 90min; Netherlands win 3-1 on agg); Italy 2, France 2 (France win on agg); Czechoslovakia 2, Greece 2 (Greece win on agg).
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Welling 0, Maidstone 1.
FIRE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Morton 0, Dunfermline Athletic 3.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Hull 0, Sheffield United 1. Second division: Blackburn 4, York 0; Scunthorpe 0, Oldham 0; Stoke 1, Wigan 0; West Bromwich 3, Mansfield 1. Postponed: Barnsley v Bolton; Notts County v Doncaster.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton 0, Southampton 0; Crystal Palace 0, Fulham 0.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeovil 2, Tooting and Mitcham 3. Second division north: Boynton 2, Berkhamsted 2. Second division south: Horsham 0, Feltham 1; Petersfield 2, Molesey 4.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon 1, Bangor City 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Western league: since Cup: Fourth round replay: Dartford 2, Cambridge City 0. Premier division: Postponed: Worcester v Fareham. Southern division: Canterbury 1, Bury S; Dunstable 2, Gravesend and Northfleet 2. Midland division: Halesowen 0, Grantham 4.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Berkshire RTC (0pts); (Seacourt names first): C Bray bt C Lumley, 6-5, 6-2; P Brake bt M Hayward, 6-2, 6-3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 4, Quebec Nordiques 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Washington Capitals 1; Minnesota North Stars 5, Chicago Black Hawks 4; New York Islanders 6, Los Angeles Kings 2.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
Second division

Blackheath	12	Saracens	48

Blackheath: Try: Aris. Con: Brannigan, Penn: Brannigan (2), Saracens: Tries: Smith (2), McLagan (2), Cacchioli, Lindley, Barcelon, Holmes. Cons: Holmes (5). Pens: Holmes (2).
TOUR MATCH: Pontyclun 9, Toshiba (Japan) 9.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Middlesex County Clubs 9, Army 45; Surrey County Clubs 3, Combined London Old Boys 26.
CLUB MATCHES: Aberdillery 22, South Wales Police 3; Glamorgan Wanderers 8, Newbridge 12; Pontypridd 13, Newport 12; Swansea 45, Tredegar 12; Bridgend 18, Gloucester 8; Lloyds Bank 12, City of London Freeman's 44. Cancelled: Ebbw Vale v Llanelli.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT (Maidenhead): Belcour League: Royal Tennis Court (Bath) bt Queen's Club (1pt); (RTC names first): C Rouse-Boon bt D Johnson, 6-4, 6-3; K Fletcher lost to K King, 6-5, 6-3. Seacourt (4pts) bt Royal County Berkshire RTC (0pts); (Seacourt names first): C Bray bt C Lumley, 6-5, 6-2; P Brake bt M Hayward, 6-2, 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAIRPONSHIP: First division: Castleford 6, Widnes 39; Hull Kingston Rovers 8, Wigan 0; Salford 28, Leigh 21. Second division: Carlisle 22, Huddersfield 12.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy World Championship qualifying tournament: First round: B Kelly (Ire) bt T Kearney (Ire), 10-4; B Oliver (Eng) bt D Chalmers (Eng), 10-3; B Rowswell (Eng) bt E Hamley (Eng), 10-7; J Smith (Eng) bt J Donnelly (Sco), 10-4; M Clark (Eng) bt M Darrington (Eng), 10-5; G Wilkinson (Aus) bt C Everton (Wales), 10-2. G Rigitano (Can) bt J Dunning (Eng), 10-7; P Watchorn (N Ire) bt N Gibson (Sco), 10-7; M Morra (Can) bt S Meakin (Eng), 10-5; V Harris (Eng) leads M Smith (Eng), 5-4; A Harris (Eng) leads M Fisher (Eng), 6-3; J Bear (Can) leads D Mienie (SA), 7-2; B Mikalsen (Can) leads J Rea (N Ire), 6-3; R Foldvari (Aus) leads J Rempe (US), 6-1; J Meadowcroft (Eng) leads B Bennett (Eng), 5-3.

SQUASH RACKETS

FLITWICK: Young England v Young Australia women's series: England 0, Australia 3 (England names first): H Rust lost to D Brady, 3-9, 0-9, 3-9; S Wright lost to S Fitzgerald, 4-9, 1-9, 7-9; F Gomes lost to M Martin, 3-9, 3-9, 8-5, 3-9, 7-9.

YACHTING

ANZIO, Italy: International regatta: Second day: Soling: 1, Schuemann-Flach-Jaskol (EG). Tornado: 1, Spengler-Jaslar (WG), 47th: 1, Brietzke-Schulz (EG). Star: 1, Hagen-Grr (WG). Flying Dutchman: 1, Borodinov-Budanusev (USSR). Finn: 1, Onotano (it). Overall standings: Soling: 1, Schuemann-Flach-Jaskol, Tornado: 1, Nilsen-Johannessan (Nor), 47th: 1, Brietzke-Schulz. Star: 1, Hagen-Grr. Flying Dutchman: 1, Schwarz-Heinrich (WG). Finn: 1, Wessergaard (Den).
CHARLOTTE AMALLIE, US Virgin Islands: World maxi series (six races): First race (24kms): 1, Kaloa V (D Conner, US), 3hr 12min; 2, Matador (W Koch, US), 3:12.07; 3, Il Moro de Venezia (R Gardini, It), 3:12.08.

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Ban hid England from Dutch dazzle

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The violent behaviour of spectators in a series of incidents before, during and after the international at Wembley on Wednesday once again jeopardized the readmission of English clubs to the European club competitions next season (John Goodbody writes).

A total of 103 supporters was arrested in London and 48 rival supporters of Derby and Birmingham clashed after the game at Watford Gap service station on the M1, damaging a coach and injuring four people, as they returned.

Ian McGregor, the Assistant Chief Constable of the British Transport police, said yesterday: "There was excellent liaison and exchange of intelligence between the European forces and between the Metropolitan and Transport police. As a result there was no confrontation between the 1,300 Dutch fans and the England supporters."

The most volatile incident occurred at the end of the match when about 1,000 supporters massed at Entrance G, from where the Dutch supporters were expected to disperse. The Dutch were held back for their own safety for nearly an hour after the game, as mounted members of Metropolitan Police made several charges to disperse England supporters.

The difficulty of controlling the supporters had been aggravated by the late decision to make the international all-ticket. Thousands of uninformed supporters turned up expecting to buy tickets and were turned away disappointed.

A Wembley spokesman said the police made the decision to limit the crowd to 75,000 on Saturday and the stadium announced on Monday that no tickets would be available on Wednesday. But the two national news agencies say they were only informed on Tuesday

The European ban on domestic clubs has diminished England's chances of claiming the Continental crown this summer. Bobby Robson admitted yesterday that his representatives have lost touch with the foreign game, which was stretched so gloriously across Wembley for an hour by The Netherlands on Wednesday night.

"Players like Adams and Webb hadn't seen it before," the England manager said. "Nor, to any great degree, had Steven and Stevens. You have to strike a balance between possession and penetration. In England we are sometimes guilty of looking too much for the penetrative pass. We have to learn which one to select."

To emphasize the different and equally effective philosophies, consider the comparative creation of two goals. England's first was fashioned instantly with one through-ball, from Stevens to Lineker. Netherlands' second was the product of 21 consecutive passes sprayed patiently from one side of the national stadium to the other.

"It is not that we were inferior. Indeed, I thought we might have won," Robson added. "It is just that after Yugoslavia we thought we might win the European title. This has shaken us up, but I would still be prepared to take on the Dutch at any time."

He and Rinus Michels have yet to study the detailed results of the mock examination, but both sets of pupils have received a general pass mark. Robson believes, for instance, that the Dutch could themselves win the European Championship in June.

Michels believes that the present England side is not only one of the strongest he has seen here, but more so that it will improve over the next three months. The national managers already respected the ability of each other's side. After the 2-2 draw, the mutual admiration has deepened.

"It was a beautiful evening," Robson added. "We created just the right occasion with a big crowd and very good opposition. As a dress rehearsal (for Düsseldorf on June 15) it was a valuable experience. But the tension and the strain surrounding the game in West Germany will make a difference."

So should the change in personnel. Although Robson was reluctant to reveal his "battle plans", he can no longer justifiably claim that Sansom has "never let us down". Arsenal's left back was directly or indirectly responsible for both of the goals conceded by Shilton midway through the first half.

With limited assistance from Barnes, he allowed Wouters to run into "the biggest hole in the world" and then offered minimal resistance against Gullit. Yet, where is there a suitable alternative to Sansom?

Rather than the rugged Pearce, who has looked painfully indelicate in the international arena, a more comforting solution lies at Sansom's own club. Winterburn, once a member of Wimbledon's commando unit, has assumed more subtlety since moving to Highbury. It is not yet too late for him to be summoned.

If Sansom appears to be out of form, Webb looks out of his depth. Quiet in Israel last month, he was silent against the Dutch. The prospect of Bryan Robson being partnered by McMahon, the most prominent individual in Tel Aviv, where he made his debut, now seems even more attractive.

Hoddle made such a substantial impact during the closing 20 minutes that he may inadvertently have committed himself to the role of an essential substitute.

As the return of Rijkaard will strengthen the Dutch back four, so that of Butcher will reinforce England's. It needs it, in the opinion of Koeman. The influential sweeper noticed that Watson and Adams "are too slow and the defence was completely confused after our first goal".

So would be any opposition while Gullit, the European Footballer of the Year, is at play. To think that he was performing under the debilitating influence of antibiotics, prescribed for influenza throughout the previous week.

Robson, who rates Gullit in the class of Di Stefano, Pelé, Cruyff and Maradona, insists that "we will do a better marking job on him". If not, the first-round tie in Düsseldorf will be conducted, to England's cost, in the Dutch style.

END COLUMN

Why the label doesn't count

From Simon Barnes
Hong Kong

"Made in Hong Kong" still carries a certain sting to it. So perhaps it is best not to point out that the Rugby World Cup, an event that had sports people all over the world crowing with delight, was actually made in Hong Kong. For the first real gathering of the rugby nations *en masse* happened in Hong Kong in 1976.

This was the first Hong Kong Sevens: it was initially sponsored by Rothmans, but someone there decided it was a bad idea. Perhaps it was the same man who turned down the Beatles at Decca: the event has grown quite prodigiously, and now carries the power title of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank Invitation Sevens. What is more, it has become that rare thing, an event loved by players, spectators and sponsors all together. It is, in short, a Great Hong Kong Success Story.

And the Sevens remains an event to revel in: I covered it several times for local publications when I lived here, and coming back now for the third time to cover it for this paper, I find myself in tremendous spirits. For there are major matters to consider: will Fiji do it again? They play sevens the way Brazilians play football, and it's wonderful to behold. But I remember when they got turned over by South Korea in a ridiculous underdog game: that was pretty wondrous, too, and maybe Sri Lanka will win the plate competition again: it is not every day that Sri Lanka win an international rugby trophy.

Glorious for its obscurity

Until I first went to Hong Kong Sevens, I had no idea that rugby was played outside the five nations and the old colonies. But despite itself, rugby has become a truly international game. This year there are teams from the United States, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Italy, Tonga, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and plenty of other places where you would not believe they had heard of the game. Nor is the Hong Kong Sevens glorious only for its obscurity: there will be an Australian and a New Zealand side: national sides I mean, with green and gold or black shirts, and appropriately stern countenances.

Of course, the home unions want to play ball, and though I dislike the reasons they have for keeping the national sides away — pure snootiness — I can't help but think it is a good thing. There are more English people in the crowd than any other brand: the lack of a true home team makes the event not nationalistic but truly and splendidly international.

True, the Hong Kongers could shout for Hong Kong but mostly they don't. In fact, many of them will actually be shouting for Papua New Guinea when they meet Hong Kong tomorrow: to see the underdogs beat the ex-pats will give everyone a moment of pleasure.

Players have perfect attitude

No, most of the Hong Kongers will be rooting for Fiji: flare, dynamism, individualism, explosiveness: all the things, in fact, that I most like about Hong Kong itself. A crowd of white men yelling their heads off for Fiji is one of those things that gives a sports writer a rare moment of optimism.

In fact, the entire event tends to do that. The players seem to have a perfect attitude to it: perhaps because this is sevens and not the cumbersome 15-man version of the game. They know that results can be freaky, and anyone can get turned over by just about anyone. Above all, they know it is "just" sevens and not the Real Thing. They go out there to try their dammedest, but mostly they don't go out as if to war.

The event retains a certain air of carnival about it: it is the sort of carnival that everyone wants to win, of course, but it actually is true that even more than winning, the players want to be there, to take part. And it is not often one can write that.

You might think it is impossible to have an international event without nationalism or needle. In fact, I can't think of another event that manages it: but this is an unusual competition, and Hong Kong is an unusual place. I think both are great: but then I have always thought "made in Hong Kong" is a label to wear with pride.

Budd issue now a serious threat to Seoul Games

From David Miller, Casablanca

The selection of Zola Budd by Great Britain for the Olympic Games in Seoul would precipitate the fourth consecutive major boycott of the Games, this time by all black-African national members and their sympathizers. This was made evident here yesterday by Amadou Lamine Ba, the general secretary of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa.

Interviewed for *The Times*, Lamine Ba stated that there would be no change in the attitude of the supreme council towards Budd's participation in Seoul from the position it had taken regarding her selection for this weekend's world cross-country chamionships in Auckland. The only alteration that could be effected, he said, would be for categoric assurance from Budd, from this moment, that she would lead the life of a British citizen.

"The question is not just a matter of the legality of a British passport, but one of morality and sincerity," Lamine Ba said. "Since competing for Britain in the 1984 Games, Budd has repeatedly returned to live in South Africa, and our information has been that she has twice competed there, though we are aware she has denied this.

"However, the supreme council regards the qualification of an athlete from one country representing another as similar to the Commonwealth Games: that they must have resided for at least the previous nine months in the country for which they compete. Budd does not have this for the next Olympic Games."

Lamine Ba is the most articulate and influential of sporting administrators in black Africa, being also the secretary of the Association of African National Olympic Committees, and the coordinator of grants from the Olympic solidarity fund.

Although the motives of the supreme council are heavily political, it should not be wholly assumed that its attitude is taken exclusively without regard to sport.

"The supreme council does not do this lightly," Lamine Ba says. "We recognize that a boycott damages our own sporting standards and our competitors as well as damaging the event itself. But we have to have some dignity. We cannot stand by while other people act insincerely in order to avoid international regulations."

Representatives of the British Amateur Athletic Board have been tough-talking since Budd's withdrawal from the cross-country championshps, saying they would defend her legal position on selections for Seoul. They must realize, sooner rather than later, and so must Budd, that to do so will be to threaten the whole of the Games and the participation of thousands of other athletes. This would be a high price for the Games to pay for one woman's avoidance of the anti-apartheid ban.

Political handcuffs tightened again

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Auckland

Zola Budd's future in international athletics is in even more jeopardy than was thought after her withdrawal last week from the world cross-country championships here tomorrow. For John Holt, the secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), admitted last night that: "We know Budd hasn't competed in South Africa. But she has taken part in two meetings there, which constitutes a violation of our rule 53 (i) in the broadest sense."

There is subtle difference here that could sabotage Budd. The furore so far has been over whether Budd actually competed in South Africa last summer — a claim that seems to have been refuted comprehensively. But, in admitting so, the IAAF is now saying that "taking part", that is, turning up to, in an athletics gathering in the banned republic constitutes a violation worthy of expulsion for Budd.

That being the case, the IAAF council meeting in London in April, which will review Budd's "taking part", will be the final chapter for her. For she has never denied being at the two meetings concerned — in Brakpan on June 27, and in Randfontein on New Year's Eve.

Flat racing off to a quiet start



Opening gambit: Denham Green, a 25-1 outsider ridden by Joey Brown, wins the first race of the Flat season at Doncaster

Jockeys in a vow of silence

An unexplained ban on all communication with the media was imposed by the jockeys on the opening afternoon of the 1988 Flat racing season at Doncaster yesterday (Michael Seely writes). "We want time to sit back and think about things," Jack Brooks, secretary of the Jockeys Association, said. "Our legal representatives have advised us to keep our own counsel on all topics. We shall remain silent for three days."

Among their complaints, the jockeys are known to be angry that they were not consulted before an announcement by the Jockey Club on new rules on the use of the whip.

"The opening day of the Flat season should be a show case occasion," Brough Scott, the television presenter and former vice president of the Jockeys Associationsaid. "But this has been a mess."

Clash of the personalities

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne, Florida

The men's singles semi-finals of the fourth Lipton championships, which have a similar format to the grand slam events and aspire to a similar status, will provide striking contrasts in personality and playing methods. The line-up is Mats Wilander v Yannick Noah and Miloslav Mecir v Jimmy Connors.

Wilander, champion of Australia, used to be almost exclusively a baseliner but has improved his technique and developed his tactics to such an extent that he is now a smart, versatile, admirably accomplished player. He can adapt his game to any opponent and any surface.

Remember Wilander when Wimbledon comes round. Ivan Lendl, Pat Cash, Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg may be more fancied and all have much to prove. But Wilander could be a sound investment for those with a taste for outsiders.

Wilander is a composed, hard-eyed competitor and a quiet man. Noah, on the other hand, is flamboyantly athletic and adventurous, and also commands an enviable delicacy of touch in the forecourt. He also brings the spirit of laughter to his tennis, never missing a chance to savour — and share — the joy of playing a game.

Like Noah, Mecir often tends to be at the mercy of his mood and his timing. But he is wonderfully cunning and deceptive, and — as his latest victim, Jay Berger, pointed out — has a knack of lulling his opponents into playing the shots he wants them to play. Mecir enjoys angling and he plays his opponents as he plays his fish. It is easy to imagine him sitting on a bank, looking dreamy but never missing a trick. He plays with such unhurried facility and has such a bored, patrician air about him, but the very sight of Mecir can make opponents feel inferior.

Connors, though, does not suffer from an inferiority complex. He is also the antithesis of Mecir in that he is always overtly and energetically busy — and equally overt in his aggression and his eagerness to dominate a match (indeed, an entire stadium) with the force of his personality. Connors has won his five matches in straight sets: but he has not won a tournament since 1984.

In the quarter-finals Wilander had an easy match, with Aaron Krickstein, who was emotionally and physically drained after a string of five-set matches; Noah was too flexible and overpowering for Andrei Chesnokov; Mecir was given a tough match by Berger, the local hero; and Connors again frustrated Anders Jarryd, who cannot work out how to play him.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: J Connors (US) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-5, 6-3, 6-1; M Mecir (Cz) bt J Berger (US), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6. Wednesday's late result: Women's singles: Quarter-finals: C Evert (US) bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

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Ardiles is loaned to Blackburn

By Clive White

Ossie Ardiles, Tottenham Hotspur's veteran Argentinian international, agreed yesterday to move down a division for the purpose of helping Blackburn Rovers move up a division when he joined the Lancashire club on loan until the end of the season.

As is the customary fashion on transfer deadline day, the deal was sealed with only minutes to spare after Ardiles had missed his flight up to Manchester. He eventually arrived at the airport just 55 minutes before the 5 p.m. deadline and after hurried discussions in the back of Don Mackay's car, details of the deal were wired from the Old Trafford offices of Manchester United to those of the Football League at Lytham St Anne's.

"I would like him in the middle to steady things," the Blackburn manager said. "I am sure that he has the legs for another seven or eight games."

Another loan move, that of David Pizanti from Queen's Park Rangers to Leicester City, satisfied the League but not the Department of Employment, who maintained that the Israeli's work permit only permitted him to play for Rangers.

The most significant permanent move was that of Julian Dicks from Birmingham City to West Ham United for £300,000. The struggling East London club beat Rangers and Nottingham Forest to the signature of this talented but tempermental left back.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Short of big guns

The Cannons Club international squash tournament, heralded last year as a long-term warm-up event to the British Open championships, has been cancelled 10 days before its scheduled start.

According to an announcement from the International Squash Players Association, Cannons decided that the entry of only one player from the world's top four reduced the status of their event. The organizers had expected the entry of at least one of the Pakistani duo, Jansher and Jahangir Khan, to challenge Ross Norman, the world No. 4, for the title.

Athletes vote

Mar Del Plata, Argentina (AP) — Manuel González Guerra, the president of the Cuban Olympic Committee, said yesterday that Cuban athletes themselves voted against competing in the Seoul Olympics.



Benn: title chance

New opponent

Nigel Benn will face Abdul Umara Sanda, of Ghana, for the vacant Commonwealth middleweight title after his original opponent, Joe Makaza, of Zimbabwe, withdrew after being injured in a car accident.

Quick sale

Wigan have sold all of their 17,000 ground tickets for the Challenge Cup final at Wembley within 24 hours of them going on sale.

Clarke injured

Dave Clarke, the English cross-country champion, a leading contender for the London marathon next month, has had to restrict his training because of an Achilles tendon injury.

Wembley bout

Billy Hardy, the British bantamweight champion, who made a successful first defence of his title last week, will compete in a non-title bout at Wembley next month.

Seoul priority

Steven Redgrave and Andy Holmes, Britain's world rowing champions, will miss this Saturday's Head of the River to concentrate on training for the Olympic pairs events.

A lone hand

Harare (AP) — Despite a stubborn 126 by David Houghton, the Zimbabwe wicketkeeper, Sri Lanka B won the three-day match between the sides, with only an hour to spare, yesterday.

Botham puts his case for the defence

Brisbane (Reuter) — Ian Botham, the England cricket all-rounder, fined for assault and offensive behaviour on board a plane, said yesterday that he was fed up with being told he must behave in public.

"What about the public showing me some respect," he said on arrival here from Perth. Botham admitted the offence but said it would not have happened if the passenger had not interfered during an argument he had with Allan Border, his Queensland captain.

"If that man had kept his nose out of an argument that had nothing to do with him ... none of this would have happened," he said.

Botham also criticized the Australian media for their coverage of the episode. "I'm fed up with all you people. You all jump to conclusions and you're very quick to criticize," he said.